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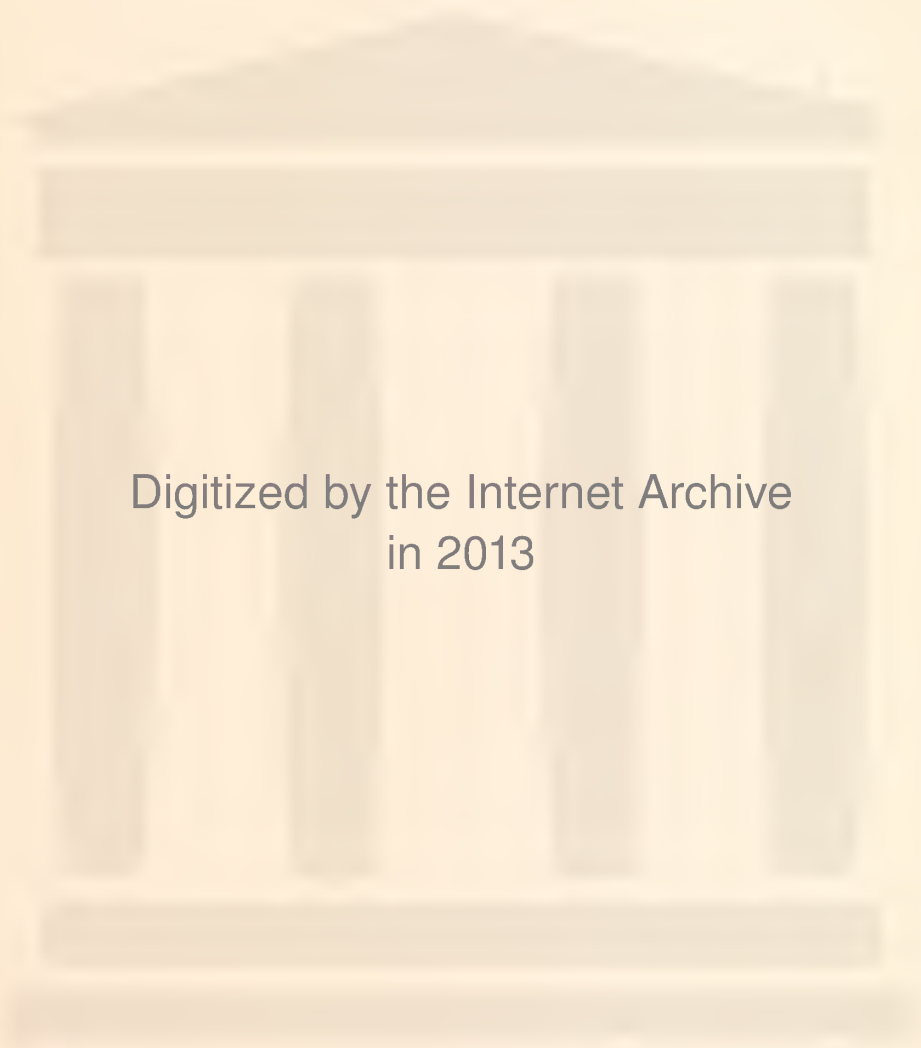
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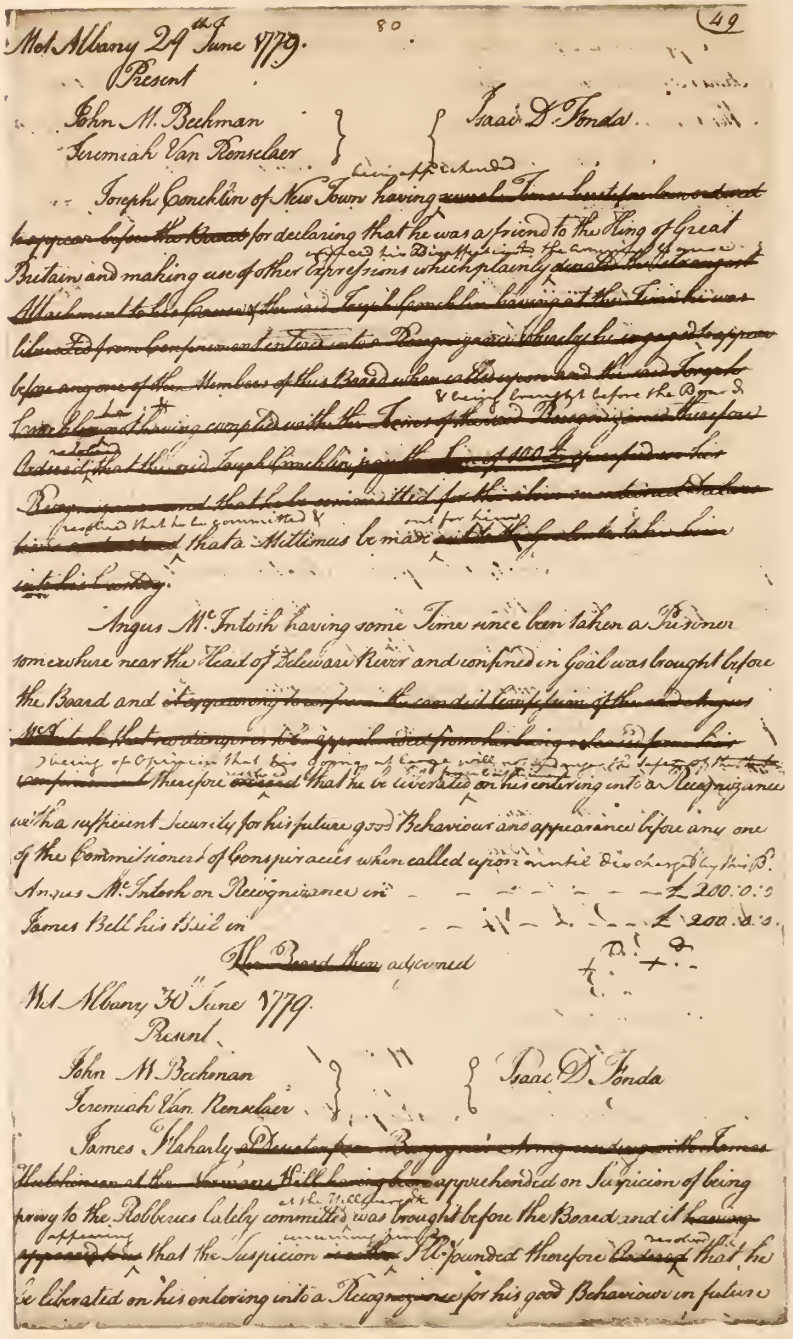

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MINUTES of the Commissioners for detecting and defeating *Conspiracies* IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK

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Met Albany 3d January 1780 — 1780 Jan. 3

Present

John M Beeckman, Isaac D Fonda } { Mathew Visscher

Isaac Lamb for whose Apprehension a Warrant [was] issued on the 31st Ultimo having been Apprehended was brought before the Board on being Examined he says that in the year 1777 he went to Burgoyne to which he was persuaded by Mose Dormen and others that he after wards went to New York where he has remained since that Thomas Wiltsie is come with him from New York his Examination [128] is in the following Words (to wit) (see Examination on the File)

Resolved that the said Isaac Lamb be committed and that a Mittimus be made for him —

Adjourned

Met Albany 5 January 1780 — 1780 Jan. 5.

Present

Jeremiah Van Renselaer, Isaac D Fonda } { Mathew Visscher

Whereas it has appeared to this Board that Rudolfh Schoenmaker, Johan Jost Schoenmaker and a Negro Man Slave of the said Rudolfh Schoenmaker have been lately committed to the Custody of Anthony Van Veghten Esqr high Sheriff of the County of Tryon by Virtue of a certain Instrument in Writing under the Hands of Wm Petry Hendrick Herchemer and Peter Ballinger Esqrs for Crimes supposed to be committed by the said Rudolfh Schoenmaker & Johan Jost Schoenmaker in the year 1777 & as the said Rudolfh Schoenmaker has lately for the same sopposed Crimes

1780 Jan. 5. been bound by us in a Recognizance to appear at the next Court of Oyer & Terminer to be held in the County of Tryon and permitted in Consequence thereof to go at large & as it appears to us as well from the said Instrument in Writing as other Information that the supposed Crimes w[h]erewith the said Johan Jost Schoenmaker and the said Negro Man Slave are groundless —

It is therefore resolved that an Order be made out to the said Anthony Van Veghten Esq[r] to discharge from his Custody the said Rudolph Schoonmaker, Johan Jost Schoenmaker and the said Negro Man Slave —

Adjourned —

1780 Jan. 14. Met Albany 14th January 1780

Present

John M Beekman, Mathew Vischer } { Isaac D Fonda

Philip Empey appeared before the Board and requested our Permission to go & visit his Family at Bowman's Kill —

[129] Resolved that they [*sic*] said Philip Empey have permission Granted him for that purpose and that he return to the Place to which he is restricted by his Recognizance in one Forthnight from this Day —

Isaac Lamb who was one the 3d Instant confined was brought before the Board resolved that he be discharged from his Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour Appearing before us on the first Day of February next and also appearing before the Board when thereunto required

Isaac Lamb on Recognizance in..... £1000
David Sprague his Bail .....in..... £ 500
John Cormichael also his Bail in..... £ 500

Resolved that Alexander Squire enter into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour & appearing on the first Day of February next or when required — 1780 Jan. 14.

Alexander Squire on Recognizance in..... £5000
Gurdin Squire his Bail .....in..... £5000—

Adjourned —

Met Albany 21st January 1780 1780 Jan. 21.

Present

John M Beekman, Mathew Vischer } { Isaac D Fonda

Jacob Merkle of Tryon County confined for disaffection was brought before the Board resolved that be be Discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance with a sufficient Surety for his future good Behaviour and appearing before any three of the Commissrs for Conspiracies when Called upon —

Jacob Merkle of Tryon CountyFarmer in. £1000
John Breadfrick of Stonerabia in Tryon
County Farmer his Bail in..... £ 500

Adjourned —

[130] Met Albany 26th January 1780 1780 Jan. 26.

Present

John M Beeckman, Isaac D Fonda } { Mathew Vischer

The Board having received Information that William True of Kinderhook is a person whose going at Large may prove dangerous to the Safety of the State & that it is necessary he Should be Confined —

It is therefore resolved that a Warrant be made out

1780 Jan. 26. directed to Lieu[t] Reuben Murry to take to his Assistance two Men & apprehend the said William True and forthwith bring him before us —

Adjourned

1780 Feb. 1. Met Albany 1[st] February 1780

Present

Jeremiah Van Renselaer, Mathew Visscher } { Isaac D Fonda

Resolved that Andrew Squire who was taken Prisoner at Stoney Point be permitted to go at large in the District of Schaactikoke untill Called upon to be Exchanged on Entering into a Recognizance to appear before the Commissary of Prisoners or any other Authority of this State when called upon —

Andrew Squire on Recognizance in..... £500
Gurdin Squire his Bail .....in..... £500

William True alias Comfort Carpenter for whose Apprehension a Warrant was made out on the 26[th] Ultimo was brought before the Board Resolved that he be confined & that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Resolved that Stephen Astin be discharged on entering into Recognizance for his Appearance at the Next Supreme Court of Judicature to be held at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in April next and that in the same time be of Good Behaviour

Stephen Astin on Recognizance in..... £1000
Isaac Shelden his bail .....in..... £ 500
Hosea Hamilton also his Bail ..in..... £ 500

Adjourned

[131] Met Albany 2nd February 1780 1780 Feb. 2.

Present

John M Beekman, Jeremiah V. Renselaer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Edward Finn who was some time ago Liberated from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance with Dr George Smith as his Surety laid Before the board a Petition wherein he sets forth the Difficulties he Labours under from his being restricted to these & requesting Permission to go to Ballstown for the Purpose of Keeping a School, and the said George Smith appearing before us and requesting to be Discharged from the Recognizance by him entered into for the said Edward Finn —

Resolved that the Said Edward Finn be informed that the Board will take the said Petition into Consideration and will give him an answer to the Same on the 5th Instant

Also Resolved that Dr George Smith be discharged from his Recognizance as Surety for the said Edward Finn —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 5th February 1780 1780 Feb. 5.

Present

John M Beekman, Jeremiah Van Renselaer } { Mathew Visscher

Edward Finn who was ordered to attend the Board this Day to receive an answer to the Petition presented to us on the 2nd Instant appeared agreeable to the said Order —

Whereupon it is resolved that the said Edward Finn have Permission to go to Ballstown on his entering into a Recognizance to remain in the District of Ballstown until Called upon by us and not to Depart the said Limits without Leave

1780 Feb. 5. obtained for that Purpose from Col[l] James Gordon and to behave himself peaceably and as a good Subject of the State —

Edward Finn Schoolmaster on Recognizance in..... £500

Adjourned

1780 Feb. 6. [132] Met Albany 6[th] February 1780

Present

John M Beekman, Mathew Vissher } { Isaac D Fonda

Alexander Hubs appeared according to an order of this Board and being examined in the Respect to Benjamin Davis Andries Ten Eyck Jun[r] & Christian Legrange saith as follows (to wit) (see Examination on the File)

Resolved in Consequence of the above Examination that the s[d] Christian Legrange enter into a Recognizance with a Sufficient Surety for his Appearance at the next Supreme Court of Judicature to be held at the City Hall in this City on the Third Tuesday in April next & in the mean time be of the good Behaviour towards all and every the liege Subjects of this State

Christian Legrange on Recognizance in..... £500
Thomas Lottridge his Bail..... in..... £200

Resolved that the above Mentioned Andries Ten Eyck Jun[r] enter into a Recognizance & that he be bound in every like Respect [as] Christian Legrange

Andries Ten Eyck Jun[r] On Recognizance in £500
William Burnside his Bail..... in £250

Adjourned

Met Albany 7th February 1780 — 1780 Feb. 7.

Present

John M Beekman, Mathew Visscher } Isaac D Fonda

Resolved that Isaac Lamb be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance to appear before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon or before any other Judicial Authority if required & do his Duty & be of the good Behaviour towards all the liege Subjects of this State for and during the Continuance of three Years

Isaac Lamb on Recognizance in..... £600
David Sprauge [*sic*] his Bail in..... £300
Alexander Hubs also his Bail in..... £300

Resolved that William True Alias Comfort Carpenter be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance with Sufficient Sureties for his Appearance at the next Supreme Court of Judi- [133] cature to be held at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in April next & not to Depart the Court without Leave and also for his appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required and for his good and peaceable Behaviour

William True on Kinderhook District Physician in..... £1000
Elijah Hudson of Kings District his Bail in. £ 500
Henry Bush of the same Place also his Bail in..... £ 500
Jesse White of the same Place also Bail in. £ 500

Adjourned

1780
Feb. 8. Met Albany 8th February 1780

Present

John M Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } Isaac D. Fonda

The Board having been informed that Mathew Brown James Brown & James Brown Junr are able to give some very Material Information respecting the Conduct of John Dunbar at the time when General Burgoyne came down with his Army resolved that the said Mathew Brown James Brown & James Brown Junr be Severally cited forthwith to appear before this Board they may be examined as to the above

The Board having also received Information that Gerrit Van Ness is able to prove that Lieut Coll Daniel B. Bradt did furnish some of the Enemy with Arms when Burgoyne came down with his Army

It is therefore resolved that the said Gerrit Van Ness be cited forthwith to appear before this Board in Order that he may be examined as to the same

Adjourned

1780
Feb. 9. Met Albany 9th February 1780

Present

Jeremiah Van Renselaer, Isaac D Fonda } Mathew Visscher

As the Act of the Legislature of this State[1] by which the Powers vested in this Board will in a few days expire and as it is uncertain whether the said Act will be continued It is therefore Resolved that all such Persons who have been employed to perform Services by Order of this Board be

[1] The reference is to the act of October 1, 1779. By an act of March 13, 1780, any two justices could enlarge deserters from the British. The commissioners were revived by an act of June 14, 1780. See Appendix I: Laws

notifyed to deliver in their Accounts that the[y] may be paid 1780 Feb. 9.

[134] Resolved that the Secretary to this Board pay to Lieut: Thomas Ismay the sum of £91 „ 19^{s} „ 6^{d} being the full Amount of the Pay and Subsistance Roll of the Party of Militia under the command of the said Thomas Ismay

Resolved that the Secretary also pay to John Fonda Jun^{r} the sum of £74 being for beef Provided by him for the use of the State Prisoners —[1]

Adjourned

Met Albany 14th February 1780 1780 Feb. 14.

Present

John M Beekman, Mathew Visscher } Isaac D Fonda

Resolved that Robert Davis be discharged on entering into a Recognizance for his future good Behaviour doing his Duty as a good & faithfull Subject of the State & appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies and remaining within the following Limits (to wit) West the Mill of Col^{l} Veeder, South the Creek East and north the Hill —

Robert Davis on Recognizance in..... £500

Met Albany 22 April 1781 [*sic* for 1780] 1780 Apr. 22.

Present

John M Beeckman, Mathew Vischer } Isaac D. Fonda

Resolved that Abraham Hoogteling be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recog^{e} for his good Be-

[1] The original voucher is in *Revolutionary Manuscripts*, vol. 40, p. 173, dated February 28, 1780, State Comptroller's office.

1780 Apr. 22. haviour & appearance before any one of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon until discharged by this Board

Abraham Hoogteling of the West District of the Manor of Renselaerwyck Yeoman in. £100
Joseph Salsbury of the same Place Yeoman his Bail in..... £100

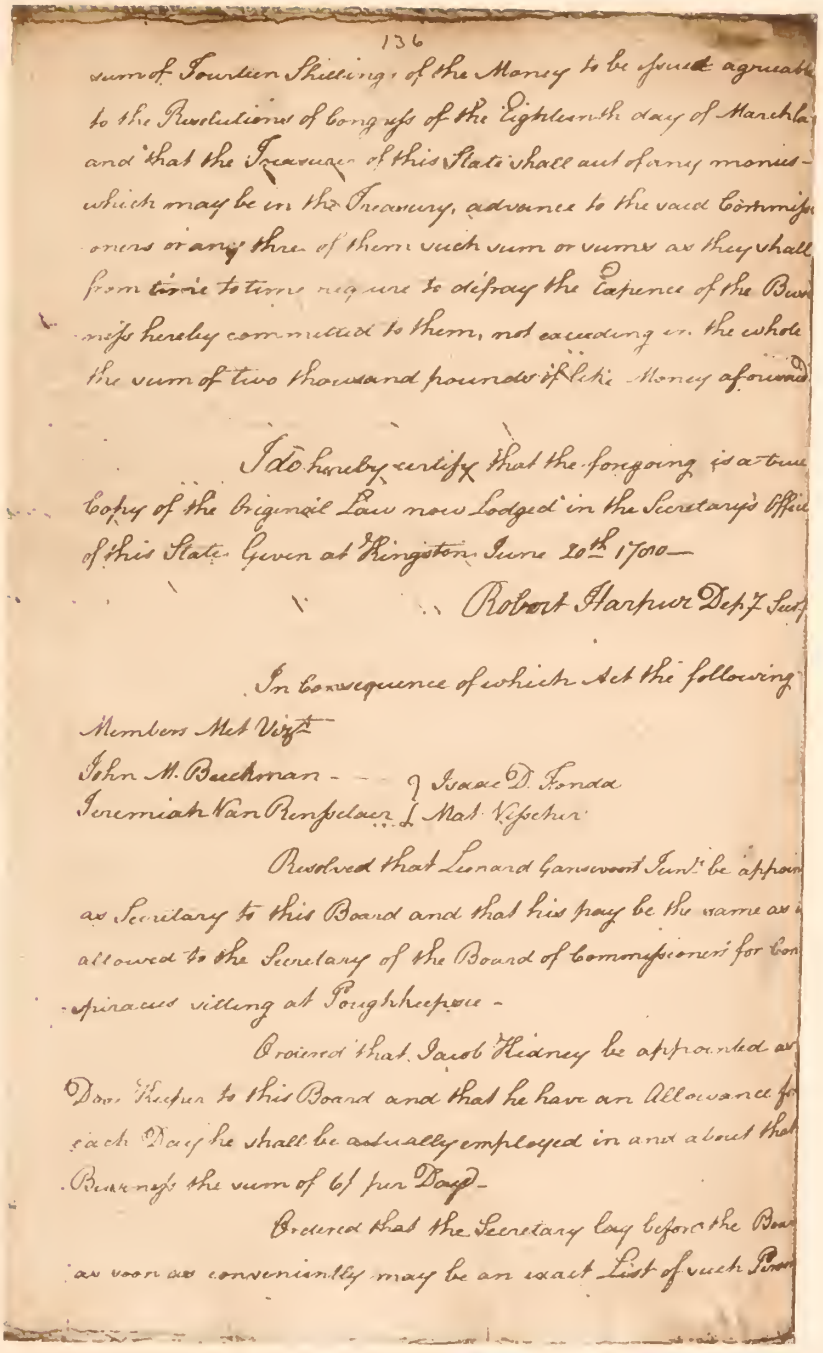
1780 June 28. [135] Albany 28th June 1780

An Act having been passed by the Legislature of this State on the 14th Day of June 1780 entitled An Act to revive the Laws appointing Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies in the words following (to wit)[1]

Whereas the Act "for appointing Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies and declaring their Powers" passed the fifth day of February 1778 and the Act "for encreasing the number of Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies within this State" passed the third day of April 1778 are expired And whereas there is good reason to apprehend that Emissaries from the Enemy are lurking in different parts of the State, and that the Disaffected Inhabitants are conspiring against the public peace and safety: by reason whereof it hath become Necessary to revive the Powers of the said Commissioners —

Be it therefore enacted by the people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same; that the said two Acts, & the Powers and authorities by them or either of them granted to the Commissioners appointed or to be appointed by Virtue of the said Acts, or any and every three of them, shall be and are hereby revived, and shall

[1] Appendix I: Laws, June 14, 1780.



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sum of Fourteen Shillings of the Money to be issued agreeable to the Resolutions of Congress of the Eighteenth day of March last and that the Treasurer of this State shall out of any monies which may be in the Treasury, advance to the said Commissioners or any three of them such sum or sums as they shall from time to time require to defray the Expence of the Business hereby committed to them, not exceeding in the whole the sum of two thousand pounds of like Money aforesaid

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of the Original Law now Lodged in the Secretary's Office of this State Given at Kingston June 20th 1780—

Robert Harpur Dep.y Sec.y

In Consequence of which Act the following Members Met Viz.t

John M. Beekman — } Isaac D. Fonda
Jeremiah Van Rensselaer } Mat. Visscher

Resolved that Lenard Gansevoort Junr. be appointed as Secretary to this Board and that his pay be the same as is allowed to the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Conspiracies sitting at Poughkeepsie —

Ordered that Jacob Kidney be appointed as Door Keeper to this Board and that he have an Allowance for each Day he shall be actually employed in and about the Business the sum of 6/ per Day—

Ordered that the Secretary lay before the Board as soon as conveniently may be an exact List of such Persons

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exhibiting Gansevoort's reappointment
(One-half reduced)

Continue and be in full force during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain. That each Commissioner shall be allowed for each day he shall be actually employed in the Execution of the said Office, the [136] sum of Fourteen Shillings of the Money to be issued agreeable to the Resolutions of Congress of the Eighteenth day of March last and that the Treasurer of this State shall out of any monies which may be in the Treasury, advance to the said Commissioners or any three of them such sum or sums as they shall from time to time require to defray the Expence of the Business hereby committed to them, not exceeding in the whole the sum of two thousand pounds of like Money aforesaid — 1780 June 28.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of the Original Law now lodged in the Secretary's Office of this State. Given at Kingston June 20th 1780 —

Robert Harpur Depy Secry —

In Consequence of which Act the following Members Met Vizt

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Isaac D. Fonda, Mat: Visscher

Resolved that Leonard Gansevoort Junr be appointed as Secretary to this Board and that his pay be the same as is allowed to the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Conspiracies sitting at Poughkeepsie —

Ordered that Jacob Kidney be appointed as Door Keeper to this Board and that he have an Allowance for each Day he shall be actually employed in and about that Business the sum of 6/ per Day —

Ordered that the Secretary lay before the Board as soon as conveniently may be an exact List of such Persons [137] as have been bound by Recognizance's from time to time by the Board of Commissioners for Conspiracies heretofore

1780 June 28. acting Specifying the Days when they were discharged and the sums in which they have been respectively bound —

Adjourned

1780 June 29. Met Albany 29th June 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Isaac D. Fonda, Mathew Visscher

Major Jacob Schermerhorn appeared before the Board and informed that the cause of Commitment of Hendrick Kittle and Nicholas Van Valkenburgh is as follows (to wit)

Hendrick Kittle for insulting the Court Martial appointed to try him for neglect of Militia Duty and for Saying he would not be tried by them —

Nicholas Van Valkenburgh for drinking the Kings Health and damning every one that opposed the King's Laws —

It is ordered that Jan Devoe Junr who is Bail for the Appearance and good Behaviour of William Sanders be ordered to bring the said William Sanders before this Board on Saturday the first day of July next and that in Case of Failure the Recognizance entered into by the said Jan Devoe Junr will be prosecuted —

John Blackley having been confined by order of the Magistrates of this City for attempting to go off to the Enemy and it appearing to us that the Proof against him is not so clear as to render his Confinement any Longer necessary do therefore order that he be Liberated from his Confinement [138] on his entering into a Recognizance with sufficient Sureties for his appearance when called upon before the Board of Commissioners for Conspiracies or any Civil authority in this State & for his future good Behaviour during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

1780 June 29.

John Blackley of the City of Albany Taylor on Recognizance in..... £2000
Nicholas Halenbeeck of the City of Albany Carpenter his Bail in..... £1000
Colin Gibson of the same place Taylor also his Bail in..... £1000

The Board having received Information that Henry Simpson Living on the Schenectady Road is of a Suspicious Character and that as a Tavern Keeper it is Necessary he should be laid under Restrictions therefore ordered that a warrant be made out Directed to Jacob Kidney the Door Keeper to apprehend the said Henry Simpson and forthwith bring him before us —

It is ordered that the Goaler lay before this Board a true List of all such Persons as are now in Confinement together with the cause of their Commitment and the Names of the Magistrates by whom committed —

Adjourned —

1780 June 30.

Met Albany 30th June 1780 —

Present

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Isaac D Fonda, Mathew Visscher, John M. Beeckman

Whereas from the Disturbances occasioned by the disaffected Inhabitants of this County and from the [139] pressing Necessity at this Juncture of enforcing a due Observance to the Laws and punishing such as transgress against them and for the more speedy apprehension of such suspicious Persons as may be lurking about the Country it is thought necessary to have a Number of Men in different Parts of this County to carry into Execution such orders as may from time to time be issued by this Board and that

1780 June 30. the Parties so to be employed be raised on the East and west side of the River and Lieu^{t} Philip Staats of Col^{l} Killian Van Rensselaer's Regiment having been applied to in order to take the Command of one of the said Parties and he declaring his willingness to except [*sic*] the same —

Be it therefore ordered that a warrant be made out Directed to the said Lieu^{t} Philip Staats to engage to the Number of about ten men who are to Provide themselves with a good Horse & proper Arms and Accoutrements and who are to be allowed the same Pay given to the Cavalry of the Army of the United States and to have an allowance made them for Horse hire and Subsistance —

Jacob Kidney attended and informed that he had apprehended Henry Simpson who being brought before the Board and examined and the Charge against him not appearing to be such as to merit a Commitment therefore resolved that he enter into a Recognizance with two Sureties himself in £1000 and the Sureties each in £500 for his personal appearance before the Board or either of the Commissioners when thereunto required to be of the good Behaviour do his duty as a good and faithful subject of the State ought to do and to give Information to the said Commissioners from time to time of all such [140] Matters and things which may come to his Knowledge and which may tend in any Manner to the Prejudice of the United State of America during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Henry Simpson of the City of Albany Innkeeper on Recognizance in..... £1000
Jesse Fairchild of the same Place Blacksmith his Bail in..... £ 500
William Charles of the same Place also his Bail in..... £ 500

A Return being made according to order by the Secretary of the different Persons who have been bound by Recognizance's ordered that Notice's be put up in different Parts of this County ordering such Persons to appear before this Board on the 20th day of July next — 1780 June 30.

Adjourned —

Met Albany 1st July 1780 1780 July 1.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Isaac D. Fonda, Mathew Visscher

Whereas a number of suspicious Persons are daily passing through this County who on being apprehended & Questioned name Officers in the Militia under whose command they pretend to be by which Means many Villians go unpunished to prevent which in future it is resolved that Letters be wrote to the different Colonels or Commanding Officers of General Ten Broeck's Brigade requesting them as soon as possible to furnish this Board with the Names of every Person of their Regiment and the Companies to which they Belong —

[141] Jan Devoe Junr according to order appeared before the Board with William Sanders whom he requested Permission to Surrender in Discharge of himself —

Resolved that the said William Sanders be committed and that a Mittimus be made out to the Goaler to take him into his Custody — And also Resolved that Jan Devoe Junior his Bail be Discharged from his Recognizance —

Lidia Currey having been confined by order of the Magistrates of this City for assisting in concealing & harbouring Persons from the Enemy was brought before the Board & examined

Resolved that she be discharged from her Confinement

1780 July 1. on Gerrit Bradt of the Hellebergh entering into a Recognizance for her future good Behaviour and Appearance before this Board when required —

Gerrit Bradt of the Hellebergh in the County of Albany Yeoman on Recognizance as Bail for Lidia Currey in..... £100

Leonard Gansevoort Junr Secretary to this Board Exhibited to us an Account for Paper purchased by him for the use of this Board amounting to £144 Continental Money ordered that the same [be] paid —

Adjourned —

1780 July 3. Met Albany 3d July 1780

Present

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Mathew Visscher

The Goaler laid before the Board a paper whereby he was requested to take into his Care the Body of John Armstrong of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck a Person Notoriously [142] disaffected to the American Cause and deliver him over to this Board —

Whereupon it is ordered that a Mittimus be made out to the Goaler to take the said John Armstrong into his Custody and Closely confine him —

Hendrick Appley having been committed to Goal by order of the Justices in this City on suspicion of his being privy to the secreting and harbouring a Party of the Enemy was brought before the Board and Enquiry being made into the Proofs in support of the same and the said Charge appearing in the Judgment of this [Board] unsupported but the said Hendrick Appley being a Disaffected Person — Therefore resolved that he be discharged from Confinement on entering into Recognizance for his future good

1780 July 3.

Behaviour and appearance before any of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain

Hendrick Appley of the Hellebergh in the County of Albany Yeoman on Recognizance in..... £100
Andries Ward of the same place Yeoman his Bail in..... £ 50
John Waggoner of the same place Yeoman also his Bail in..... £ 50

Simeon Griggs of Half Moon having attempted to go to Canada and join the Enemy and having been apprehended by order of the Magistrates of this City and by them suffered to return home at the request of Col^{l} Van Schoonhoven to endeaviour to procure Bail for his future [143] good Conduct in Consequence thereof Alexander Griggs the Father of the said Simeon Griggs appeared before us and informed the Board that he was willing to enter into Recognizance for the said Simeon Griggs —

Whereupon resolved that the said Alexander Griggs enter into a Recognizance for the future good Behaviour of his son Simeon Griggs and for his appearance when called upon before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies and for his remaining within the Limits of the District of Half Moon unless when called upon to do Militia duty which recognizance to be in full force during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Alexander Griggs of the Half Moon District in the County of Albany Yeoman on Recognizance as Bail for Simeon Griggs in..... £200

Evert Ostrander, John Frazer, and John Andrew having been apprehended on their way to Canada to join the Enemy

1780 July 3. were brought before the Board and on being examined Confessing the Charge alledged against them and declaring an Intention of persisting in the like Conduct in future —

It is therefore resolved that the said Evert Ostrander, John Andrew, and John Frazer be confined and that a Mittimus be made out to the Goaler to take them into his Custody —

Adjourned —

1780 July 4. Met Albany 4th July 1780 —

Present

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, John M. Beeckman } { Isaac D. Fonda

[144] Information having been given to this Board that a certain James Mellderon has lately come to this place who appears to be of a suspicious Character. It is therefore ordered that Jacob Kidney be commanded to apprehend the said James Mellderon and bring him forthwith before us —

Jacob Kidney appeared and informed that he had apprehended the said James Mellderon —

Whereupon resolved that he be brought before the Board on his Examination producing a Pass from a Justice of the Peace at Fredericksburgh it is Ordered that he be given in Charge to the Goaler till he shall give Surety for his producing to us proper Vouchers of his Character as a Friend to the American Cause —

Graudus J. Cluet having been on his way to join the Enemy and having returned and Voluntarily surrendered himself and being brought before us by his Father Jacob Cluet and on being examined appearing candid and open in his Confession and making Promises of future good Conduct therefore resolved on account of his Youth and the Inter-

cession of the said Jacob Cluet his Father whose Atachmen to the American Cause has been evinced on several Occasions that he be permitted to return home — 1780 July 4.

Simeon Griggs for whom Alexander Griggs was on the 3d Instant bound by Recognizance appeared before the Board ordered that he enter into Recognizance for his future good Behaviour and for his appearance before [145] any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon and for his remaining within the District of the Half-Moon unless called upon to do Military duty during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Simeon Griggs of the District of the Half Moon in the County of Albany Yeoman on Recognizance in..... £200

Abraham Peltz having been apprehended & confined by Major Ezekiel Taylor on Suspicion of being privy to a Party of Men going off to the Enemy and the Proof appearing rather ill founded but the said Abraham Peltz being a disaffected person it is therefore ordered that previous to his discharge be be bound by a Recognizance for his future good Behaviour and Appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Abraham Peltz of New Town in the County of Albany Yeoman on Recognizance in.... £50
Hendrick Peltz of Pougkeepsie in Dutchess County his Bail in..... £50

Duncan McDougall appearing before the Board and being willing to become surety for James Mellderon It is ordered that the said Duncan Mc Dougall enter into a Recognizance for the said James Mellderon's transmitting to this Board a proper Certificate of his attachment to the American

1780 July 4. Cause from four or more respectable Inhabitants of Dutchess County within One Month from this day —

James Mellderon of Fredericksburough in the County of Dutchess Yeoman on Recognizance in..... £50

[146] Duncan Mc Dougall of the City of Albany his Bail in..... £50

Adjourned

1780 July 5. Met Albany 5th July 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Isaac D. Fonda

A Letter was laid before the Board from Coll. Abraham Wemple at Schenectady informing us that he had some time ago committed to Goal a German formerly belonging to Burgoyne's Army from an Apprehension of his being an Enemy to the cause of America but that he having learned from various Circumstances that his suspicions were ill founded he therefore requests that he may be liberated from his Confinement —

On Consideration of which Letter it appearing that the said German is a Prisoner of war and that he comes properly under the direction of the Military power Therefore ordered that he be delivered over to Colonel Goose Van Schaick the Commanding Officer in this Place —

Adjourned —

1780 July 6. Met Albany 6th July 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Isaac D. Fonda

It being suggested to the Board that Francis Rawworth lately an Inhabitant of Johnstown in Tryón County can give

1780 July 6.

Information respecting the Conduct of Robert Adams at the time Sir John [147] Johnson destroyed Caughnawago —

Ordered therefore that the said Francis Rawworth be summoned to attend this Board immediately —

The said Francis Rawworth appeared and on his Examination says that he did not see Mr Adams during the time Sir John Johnson was at Johnstown and that he has understood the said Robert Adams was taken Prisoner by a Party of Men and carried to Sir John —

Marte Freligh having been heretofore bound by Recognizance for his good Behaviour and appearance before the Board of Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required and also for his appearance on the last day of every Month before any one of the said Commissioners and the said Marte Freligh this day appearing pursuant to notification & it appearing from the Information of John M. Beeckman Esqr one of the Members of this Board that the said Marte Freligh has punctually appeared before him pursuant to the tenor of his said Recognizance —

Resolved therefore that he be discharged as to that part of his Recognizance which requires his appearance on the last day of every month but that the Remainder of the said Recognizance shall stand & remain in full force and Virtue during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Resolved that Major Henry Van Veghten be and he is hereby requested and fully Authorized & empowered to stop every Person whom he may find travelling through this City and whom he may conceive [148] from their appearance and Conversation to be of suspicious Character's and on his detecting any such person make report to us of the same as soon as conveniently may be —

Adjourned —

1780
July 7. Met Albany 7th July 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda

Received a letter from Math[e]w Adgate Esq[r] one of the Justices of the Peace of this County dated Kings District 5th day of July Instant wherein he informs us that having received Information that Daniel Green, Joseph Potter and David Darrow were collecting a Number of Sheep in King's District with an intention of driving them to the westward and as there is the greatest reason to suppose from their disaffection to the American Cause that they mean to convey them to the Enemy or at least bring them so near the Frontiers that the enemy may with safety take them that therefore he had caused them to be apprehended & conveyed to us by Ensign Jones and the said Daniel Green and Joseph Potter being brought before the Board and Examined & proving Satisfactorily to us that they had no intention of driving the said sheep to the Enemy were severally discharged but David Darrow on his examination denying the Authority of this Board and all Civil Jurisdiction in this State and pretending that by his religious principles [149] he is restrained from taking up Arms in defence of the Country and that he does not intend to do any kind of Military duty whatsoever nor does not in any instance intend to abide by the Laws of this State, and John Hocknear of Nistageune and David Macham of New Lebanon appearing before us to Vindicate the cause and Justify the Principles of the said David Darrow and acknowledging a Concurrence of Sentiment with him and declaring that it was their determined Resolution never to take up arms and to dissuade others from doing the same and as

such principles at the present day are highly pernicious and of destructive tendency to the Freedom & Independence of the United States of America — 1780 July 7.

It is therefore resolved that the said David Darrow, John Hocknear and Joseph Macham stand severally committed & that a Mittimus be made out for them —

Mr Jones informed that a certain Jonah Case an Inhabitant of Goshen in the County of Litchfield in the state of Connecticut who has been inimically disposed to the American Cause from the Commencement of the War and was for his disaffection confined to his Farm has several times passed through his place on his way to Nistageune for the Purpose of associating with a set of people who call themselves shaking Quakers and that a certain Zadock Wright a prisoner of war who has been by the Commissioners for Conspiracies liberated from Confinement and by Parole restricted to the Limits of Kings District also pretends to be of the denomination of people called shaking Quakers and that he dissuades people [150] from taking up Arms —

It is ordered in Consequence of the said Information that a Letter be wrote to Mathew Adgate Esqr to have the said Jonah Case apprehended and brought before us —

It is also ordered that the said Zadock Wright be cited forthwith to appear before this Board —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 10th July 1780 — 1780 July 10.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda
Mathew Visscher, [Samuel Stringer]

A Certificate signed by Robert Harpur Esqr Deputy Secretary of this State was laid before the Board whereby it

1780 July 10. appears that Samuel Stringer Esq^r was on the 1^st day of July Instant appointed by the Council of appointment as a Commissioner for detecting and defeating Conspiracies within this State in Consequence of which Certificate the said Samuel Stringer took the Oath as prescribed in and by the ["] Act for appointing Commissioner for enquiring into detecting & defeating all Conspiracies which may be formed in this State against the Liberties of America" and also took his seat at the Board as a Member —

Edward Archer of this City appeared before the Board and informed that George Rodgers did Yesterday in his presence say that the French Fleet was come to carry off the Damned Rebel Officer Washington who was afraid he would he hanged and the Rebel Congress that the [151] Whigs were all a set of scoundrels and Rascals and that he was persuaded the British Troops would in a forthnight's time march through the City of Albany —

Ordered that a Letter be wrote to John Ryley to request him to appear before this Board to give Information respecting Nicholas Van Valkenburgh now confined in Goal —

The affidavit of John Coppernoll & John Vrooman respecting Jacob J. Truax was laid before the Board from which it appears that the said Jacob J. Truax is a person greatly disaffected to the American Cause whose going at large may prove dangerous to the Safety and wellfare of this State —

It is therefore resolved that a warrant be made out directed to Jacob Kidney to apprehend the said Jacob J. Truax and that the Goaler be ordered to receive him into his Custody and closely confine him —

A Number of Negroes having been apprehended at the Half Moon on suspicion of their intending to burn & destroy that Settlement and they having been severally exam-

ined by us denyed the Charge alledged against them but acknowledged that they had an intention of going to Canada to which they were induced by William Loucks a son in Law of Hans Roeliffse and a Hessian named Coonradt[1] living with William Waldron who told them that when they got to Canada they would be free and that the said William Loucks and Coonradt told them they would go with them — 1780 July 10

I[n] Consequence of which Information it is ordered that a Letter be wrote to Colonel Van Schoonhoven[2] at Half Moon requesting him without delay to [have] the said William [152] Luycks and Coonradt apprehended and brought before us —

Ordered also that a Letter be wrote to Hendrick Van Schoonhoven requesting him immediately to send down his Negro wench who has given Information concerning the above mentioned Negroes in Order that she may be examined —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 11th July 1780 — 1780 July 11

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } Samuel Stringer

In Consequence of the Information Yesterday given to this Board by Edward Archer respecting George Rodgers It is ordered that a warrant be made out Di[r]ect[ed] to Jacob Kidney as Constable to apprehend the said George Rodgers and that the Goaler be ordered to take into his Custody and closely confine him —

Israh Sanford was brought before the Board by Major

[1] Frederick Coonradt.

[2] Colonel Jacobus Van Schoonhoven.

1780 July 11. Henry Van Veghten as a Person of a suspicious Character on examining him it appears that he is an inhabitant of the State of Massechusetts Bay and is also one of those persons who pretend that they are restrained by their religious principles to take up Arms in defence of the Country —

Ordered that he be discharged but that he be informed that if he is again found in this County he will be closely Confined —

James Patherton of Nestageune was also brought before the Board and on being questioned pretend- [153] ing that he is restrained by his Religious principles to take up Arms in defence of the State —

Resolved that the said James Patherton have Permission to go and procure a sufficient surety for his future good Behaviour and doing his duty as a faithful subject of the state —

Adjourned —

1780 July 12. Met Albany 12th July 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

A Letter from Lieut. Coll. Henry Van Rensselaer dated 11th July Instant was laid before the Board containing the Charges alledged against Nicholas Kittle, John Armstrong, and Jacobus Moll, which Letter is in the words following (to wit) (see Letter on the file)

Anthony Van Schaick Esqr made application to the Board in favour of Thomas Andrew a prisoner now confined [in Goal and on examining into the nature of his crime (he having been confined by order of the Magistrates of this City) and finding the charge alledged against him not properly supported —

1780 July 12.

Therefore resolved that the said Thomas Andrew be liberated from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance with the said Anthony Van Schaick as his surety for his future good Behaviour & appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

[154] Thomas Andrew of Newtown in the County of Albany Yeoman on Recognizance in..... £200
Anthony Van Schaick of the County of Albany Esq^{r} his Bail in..... £100

It having been represented to this Board that Peter Crapole a prisoner now confined in Goal who was apprehended on his way to the Enemy has been destitute of provisions for some days and being unable on Account of his poverty to purchase any it is therefore resolved that the Goaler be requested to furnish the said Peter Crapole with provisions for which the Board will allow him one shilling per day —

Colonel Jacobus Van Schoonhoven having at the request of this Board sent us Frederick Coonradt ordered on examining him that he procure surety for his Good behaviour and appearance when called upon —

Adjourned —

1780 July 13.

Met Albany 13th July 1780

Present

Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, John M. Beeckman

Whereas it has been suggested to this Board that Jacob A. Lansing of this County who was confined by the Magis-

1780 July 13. trates of this City for assisting & encouraging the subjects of this State to go over & join the enemy and Robert Adams of Johnstown in Tryon County intend to remove themselves by writs of Habeas Corpus before the Honorable Robert Yates Esq[r] [155] in order to their being bailed and as it is highly necessary at this time that they [the] said Jacob A. Lansing & Robert Adams should be continued in their present confinement —

Therefore ordered that a Mittimus be made out to the Goaler to detain and keep them in his Custody untill discharged by any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies

The examination of Barnet Van Vranken and Flemin Highby taken by Col[l] Van Schoonhoven were laid before the board respecting the conduct of the inhabitants of Newtown ordered that the same be filed —

Lieu[t] Colonel Henry K. Van Rensselaer informed the Board that he last night had sent to Goal William Hutton as a Person whose going at large might be dangerous to the safety of the State that the said William Hutton has made use of threats against the Court Martial appointed to try him for Neglect of duty and says he is determined not to take up arms in defence of the country —

In Consequence of which information he was brought before the Board & examined and recommitted —

Lieu[t] Col[l] Rensselaer also informed the Board that he has confined John Armstrong, Thomas Blewer, Andries Stoll, Andries Weger, and Christian Crow, as dangerous and disaffected persons and prays that they may be continued in confinement —

Ordered that he be informed that this Board will not liberate them untill they have given Collonel Rensselaer a previous intimation of it —

Adjourned —

[156] Met Albany 14th July 1780 1780 July 14.

Present

Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher

Frederick Bonestel having been by the former Board of Commissioners for Conspiracies liberated from confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his Good behaviour and monthly appearance and the sum for which the said recognizance was taken being too small on account of the depreciation of the Continental Money —

It is therefore ordered that the said Frederick Bonestel enter into a new recognizance with a sufficient surety for his future good behaviour and appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the Present war with Great Britain —

Frederick Bonestel of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck in the County of Albany Weaver on recognizance in..... £100

Anthony Abramse of the same place Yeoman his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

Met Albany 15th July 1780 1780 July 15.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

Christopher File having by the former Board of Commissioners for Conspiracies been liberated from [157] confinement on entering into a recognizance for his good behaviour & appearance on the last day of every month and the sum for which the said recognizance was taken being insufficient on account of the depreciation of the Continental money

1780 July 15. and Melchart File the Father of the said Christopher File appearing this day before us and being desirous of becoming surety for his son —

It is therefore ordered that the said Melchart File enter into a recognizance for the future good Behaviour of the said Christopher File and for his appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Melchart File of Manor of Rensselaerwyck in the County of Albany Farmer as Bail for his son Christopher File in..... £100

Whereas from the frequent complaints that have been exhibited to this Board respecting the conduct of a number of the Inhabitants of Newtown it is become necessary that some rigerous measure should be adopted to bring them to a sence of their duty and to confine such of them as are most dangerous and as it is probable that the Board will receive better information respecting their conduct by opening a Board a[t] New Town —

It is therfore resolved that there be a meeting of the Board at Newtown and Stillwater on Tuesday next and that a Letter be wrote to Major Taylor informing him of the same & requesting his Attendence there at that time —

Adjourned —

1780 July 17. [158] Met Albany 17th July 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fond?, Mathew Visscher

John Meyer having been heretofore bound by a recognizance for his good behaviour and appearance when called and appearing this day according to Notification —

1780 July 17.

Ordered that he enter into a new recognizance for his future good behaviour and appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

John Meyer of East district of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Labourer .....in £100
Jacob Springer of the same place his Bail in £100

Amaziah Winstone of Kings district appeared before the Board and informed that by virtue of a warrant directed to him by Mathew Adgate Esq[r] Justice of the peace he had apprehended Joel Pratt and Hezekiah Hammond whom he had ready to produce to the Board ordered that they be brought in and examined —

Joel Pratt and Hezekiah Hammond being examined say they mean not to take up arms in defence of the Country whereupon ordered that they be confined and that a Mittimus be made out to the Goaler to take them into his custody —

John Todd was brought before the Board and [159] examined and then recommitted —

Peter Crapole who was also examined and then recommitted —

Resolved that a letter be wrote to Mathew Adgate Esq[r] suggesting to him a proper mode of conduct towards the people called shaking Quakers which letter is in the words following (to wit) (see copy letter on the file)

Received a letter from Mathew Adgate Esq[r] Justice of the peace dated 14[th] day of July instant respecting Joel Pratt and Hezekiah Hammond which letter is in the words following (to wit) (see letter on the file)

Egbert Ostrander having been heretofore bound by recognizance and appearing this day according to notification to enter into a new recognizance —

Ordered that he enter into the same for his future good

1780 July 17. behaviour and appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Egbert Ostrander of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Yeoman in..... £100
Jacob Ostrander of the same place Yeoman his Bail in..... £100

Nicholas Van Valkenburgh, Hendrick Kittle, and Jacobus Moll having been committed for disaffection to the American cause and they having severally promised to be of good behaviour in future —

It is therefore resolved that they be severally discharged on entering into a Recognizance for their future good behaviour and appearance before any three [160] of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain and also for their appearance at the next supream Court of Judicature to be held at the City Hall in this City on the last [*sic*] in July instant (or wheresoever the said Court shall be held in the State of New York) and not depart the Court without Leave —

Hendrick Kittle of Schodack Yeoman in..... £200
Nicholas Van Valkenburgh of the same place Yeoman in..... £200
Jacobus A. Moll of Dº ..... Dº £200
Johannis Kittle of Dº ..... Bail in..... £200
Johannis J. Muller of Dº .... Bail in..... £200

Adjourned —

Met Albany 18th July 1780

1780 July 18. Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Mathew Visscher

James Robbins appearing before the Board according to notification ordered that he appear as soon as possible with a sufficient person as his surety to enter into a recognizance — 1780 July 18.

James Akins having been heretofore bound by recognizance and appearing this day according to order with Neil M^{c}Neil as his surety —

Ordered that he enter into a recognizance of anew for his future good behaviour and appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when there unto required during the continuance of the present war [161] with Great Britain —

James Atkins of Pits Town in the County of Albany Yeoman in..... £100
Neil M^{c}Neil of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Yeoman his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

Met Albany 19th July 1780 — 1780 July 19.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer

Martin Galer having been heretofore bound by recognizance and appearing this day according to notification to enter into a new recognizance —

Resolved that he enter into the same for his future good behaviour and appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Martin Galer of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £100
John Shaver of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

1780 July 19. Nicholas Michael having also been bound by recognizance & appearing this day to enter into a new recognizance Ordered that he enter into the same for his future good Behaviour and appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Nicholas Michael of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Innkeeper ..in. £100
Jurie Michael of the same place his Bail in. £100

[162] Davis Michael also appearing to enter a new Recognizance —

Ordered that he enter into the same for his future good Behaviour and appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

David Michael of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Labourer in..... £100
Nicholas Michael of the same place Innkeeper his Bail in..... £100

Colin Gibson and Nicholas Halenbeeck who did on the 29th day of June last become surety for the good behaviour and appearance of John Blackley came this day and surrendered the said John Blackley in discharge of the recognizance by them entered into and the said John Blackley being desirous of engaging as a soldier in the three months service

It is resolved that the said Colin Gibson and Nicholas Halenbeeck be accordingly discharged from their Recognizance and that the said John Blackley have leave to enlist as aforesaid —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 21st July 1780 — 1780 July 21.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Jeremiah Van Rensselaer

Received a Letter from Hugh Mitchell Esqr dated this day at Schenectady informing that a number of tories have been apprehended and brought to that [163] place and requesting a copy of the oath to be taken by the Commissioners for Conspiracies in order that Ryneir Mynderse & Abraham Outhout Esqrs who have been lately appointed to that Office might be Qualified —

Ordered in consequence of the said Letter that a copy of the oath be made out & transmitted to the said Hugh Mitchell and that the said Commissioners be requested from time to time to transmit to this Board such information as they may receive & that this Board will afford them every assistance in their Power towards carrying into Execution such plans as they may think expedient to adopt to promote the public good —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 22nd July 1780— 1780 July 22.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Mathew Visscher } Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Samuel Stringer

Jacob Kidney the door Keeper appearing informed us that agreeable to the warrant of this Board he had apprehended George Rodgers ordered that he be confined and hat a Mittimus be made out for him —

John Nightingale having been apprehended by order of this Board as a disaffected person ordered that a mittimus be made out for him —

1780 July 22. The Board of Commissioners who by a resolution of this Board were to meet at Newtown or Stillwater having returned reported that the[y] had on the 19th Instant opened a Board at Stillwater which they had continued untill the [164] 20th Instant and that they had on the first day of the said Meeting Sent for Major's Taylor and Dickerson to consult what Persons to send for to be examined and which to apprehend — That upon consultation they agreed to summons Elias Delong, Flemon Higby, Barent Van Der Werken, William Williams, Jotham Bemus, John Bemus, Richard Collins, and Moses Hunter and accordingly made out summons's and delivered them to Major Taylor that they made out a warrant to apprehend Jacob Heemstraet, John Rose and Nathaniel James directed to Lieut Joseph Cook and delivered to Major Taylor —

That they examined the following persons (to wit) Moses Hunter, Jotham Bemus, Jaddiah Millard, William Williams, Peter Van Camp, Jacob Heemstraet, Flemon Higby, Marytie Scut, Barent Van Der Werken, Robert Todd, and Amos Moore and reduced their Examinations to writing and that they are in the following words (to wit) (see Examinations on the file) —

That on the second day of said meeting being the 20th Instant they had bound the following Persons in Recognizance's for their good behaviour doing their duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Stephen Hooper of New Town Farmer in... £100
Simon Van Camp of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100
John Hooper of New Town Farmer in..... £100
Francis Waggoner of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

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[165] Joseph Devall of New Town Farmer in. £100
Stephen Hooper of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100
Joseph Conklin of New Town Farmer in... £100
Dirck Heemstraet Junr of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100
James Conklin of New Town Farmer in.... £100
Dirck Heemstraet of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100
John A. Conklin of New Town Farmer in.. £100
William Bartin of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100
Peter Van Campen of New Town Farmer in £100
Hendrick Brevoort of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £ 50
Stephen Ladue of the same place Farmer also his Bail..... in..... £ 50
John Vincent of New Town Farmer in..... £100
Nicholas Teachout of the same place Farmer his Bail..... in..... £100
Amos Moore of New Town Farmer in..... £300
William Williams Junr of New Town Farmer in £100
Williams Williams of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Ordered that a Letter[1] be wrote to his Excellency Governor Clinton inclosing him a copy of Peter Van Campen's Examination taken at Newtown which letter is in the following words (to wit) (see draught Letter on the file)

Adjourned —

[1] In *George Clinton Papers*, no. 3094, archives of New York State Library

1780
July 23.

Met Albany 23d July 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer } { Samuel Stringer

Received a letter from Hugh Mitchell, Ryneir Mynderse, and Abraham Outhout Esqrs Commissioners for Conspiracies at Schenectady dated the 22nd Instant wherein [166] they inform us that they send under Guard fourteen Persons some of whom they have had apprehended on their way to the enemy and others had forwarded and supplied them with provisions whose names are as follows Vizt Josep[h] Warner, Jacob Ball, John Ball, Peter Snyder, Christian Sea, Christopher Warner, Nicholas Sea, Andrew Loucks, Richard Schermerhorn, Bartholemew Schermerhorn, Jacob Seybert, George Shamon, Frederick Wheeler, and John Broacham, which Letter is in the following words, (to wit) (see letter on the file) —

Ordered that a Mittimus be made out for the above mentioned Persons —

Received also another letter from the said Commissioners dated at Schenectady 22nd Instant wherein they inform us that they also send to us under Guard three other Persons who they have caused to be apprehend[ed] whose names are Jacob Man, William Loucks, and John Jost Warner which Letter is in the following words (to wit) (see letter on file)

Ordered that a Mittimus be made out for them

It having been suggested to this Board that James Ludlow who last Winter came from New York and is at present at Kinderhook by his conduct gives great reason to suspect that he is guilty of some evil Practice against the State therefore ordered that a Letter be wrote to Major Isaac Goes at Kinderhook requesting him immediately to send to this Board the said James Ludlow —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 24th July 1780 — 1780 July 24.

Present

[167] John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer } { Samuel Stringer

Whereas frequent complaints have been made by sundry of the well affected inhabitants of this County that John Partherton, William Lees, and Ann Standerren, by their conduct and conversation disturb the publick peace and are daily dissuading the friends to the American cause from taking up Arms in defence of their Liberties —

Therefore ordered that a warrant be made out to Jacob Kidney forthwith to apprehend the said John Partherton, William Lees, and Ann Standerren and bring them before us and that he be authorized in case of any resistance to call to his assistance such a number of men as he may conceive necessary to carry the said warrant into Execution —

The Board having received information that Thomas Wood Junr who has been concerned in a number of robberies is lately come from New York and is now in and about his place of abode —

Thereupon resolved that a letter be wrote to Capt Jacob De Freest[1] requesting him to collect a Party of Men and endeavour to apprehend the said Thomas Wood Junr —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 25th July 1780 — 1780 July 25.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

William Davis appeared before the Board and informed us that in conversation with Mathewis Van Valkenburgh

[1] De Forest.

1780 July 25. [168] the said Valkenburgh professed himself a subject to King George and that he intended to remain so and said that his cause was a just one —

Ordered that the above information be reduced to writing and that the same be taken into consideration

It having been suggested to the Board by Lieu^{t} Col^{l} Henry K Van Rensselaer that David Henry formerly an Officer in Col^{l} Livingston's Regiment and now residing at the New City is able to give some very material Information concerning Abraham Ja: Lansing and some other disaffected Persons —

It is therefore resolved that a Citation be made out for the said David Henry to appear forthwith before this Board and that the said Citation be sent to Cap^{t} Christopher Tillman at New City in order to its being served —

Adjourned —

1780 July 26. Met Albany 26th July 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda

Jacob Kidney appeared before the Board and informed us that he had agreeable to the warrant issued to him on the 24th Instant apprehended John Partherton, William Lees, Ann Standerren and that he had also apprehended James Whiteacre, Calven Harlow, and Mary Parthington, whom he found in Company with them and it appearing that they have also been guilty of the like Practices with the above named Persons —

[169] It is therefore resolved that they be severally interrogated whether they are principled against taking up Arms in defence of the American cause and whether they have not endeavoured to influence other persons against taking up

arms to which Questions they having severally answered in the affirmative resolved thereupon that they be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for them — 1780 July 26.

Received a Letter[1] from his Excellency Governor Clinton dated Poughkeepsie the 24th Instant which Letter is in the following words (to wit) (see Letter on file)

James Bramley appeared before the Board & informed us that he had been ordered by the Commissioners for Conspiracies at Schenectady to remove his family to this place and Surrender himself up to this Board and he in Consequence of the said order appearing this day and avowing his principles as a person disaffected to the American cause —

Therefore ordered that the said James Bramley be informed that it is the determination of this Board that he procure by Friday next a Freeholder to become his Surety for his good Behaviour and appearance before us when called upon —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 27th July 1780 — 1780 July 27.

Present

Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda } John M. Beeckman

David Henry agreeable to the Citation sent to Capt Christopher Tillman this day appearing ordered [170] that he be examined as to the conduct of John Todd and John Gibson who are now confined in Goal —

The said David Henry being Examined saith as follows (to wit) (see Examination on file)

Ordered thereupon that the said David Henry be discharged —

Adjourned —

[1] In *George Clinton Papers*, no. 3094, archives of New York State Library

1780 July 28. Met Albany 28th July 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Hugh Mitchell

Hugh Mitchell Esqr. laid before the Board the examinations of the prisoners sent to Goal by the Schenectady Commissioners ordered that the same be filed —

A Letter was laid before the Board from Philip Pell Esqr Commissary of State Prisoners dated 30th June 1780 respecting Henry Van Schaack, David Van Schaack, Lambert Burgert, Mathew Goes Junr, John D. Goes, and Dirck Gardinier which Letter is in the following words (to wit) (see letter on file)

Ordered that the Subject of the above Letter be taken into Consideration —

It having been suggested to this Board that Simon Viele of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck is able to give some very material information respecting Peter Cohoon who was some time ago committed as a spy from the enemy Ordered therefore that he be sent for and examined —

Simon Viele appearing agreeable to order [171] and being examined under oath saith as follows (see Examination on file)

Ordered that the said Simon Viele enter into a Recognizance to appear at the next supream Court of Judicature to be held at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in October next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held) to testify to such Matters as he may know concerning Peter Cohoon and not to depart the Court without Leave—

Simon Viele of the west District of Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in..... £400

1780 July 28.

It being the Opinion of this Board that the imprisonment of Peter Ten Broeck and William Bowen Prisoners of war (who have been heretofore released from confinement by a former Board of Commissioners for Conspiracies) will tend to expedite their Exchange —

Therefore resolved that an Order be made out & sent to them to appear before us on Monday the 7th day of August next —

Adjourned —

1780 July 29.

Met Albany 29th July 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman } { Isaac D. Fonda
Samuel Stringer } {

Samuel Baker residing in the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck being suspected of having a connection with some disaffected inhabitants of this County was ordered to appear before the Board on his appearing and being examined under Oath and declaring himself [172] innocent of the charge therefore ordered that he be discharged —

Peter Seeger was sent for on information given to this Board that he is able to give some Material Evidence concerning Peter Cohoon who is now confined in Goal as a spy from the Enemy —

Ordered that he be examined and that his Examination be reduced to writing which is in the words following (to wit) (See Examination on file)

Ordered also that the said Peter Seeger enter into a Recognizance to appear at the next supream Court of Judicature to be held at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in October next (or wheresoever the said Court shall be held) to give Evidence on the Part of the people of this State and not to depart the Court without leave —

1780 July 29. Peter Seeger of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Labourer in. £400—

Adjourned —

1780 July 30. Met Albany 30th July 1780 —

Present

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Mathew Visscher } { Isaac D. Fonda

Information having been exhibited to this Board by Gerrit Heyer of this City that on Wednesday last three men came up the River in a Batteau one of whom he supposed to be Thomas Man the other the son of Patrick Ryan living on the Green Island both of which persons have been with the Enemy for some time past and there being a probability of the said persons being at the House of [173] the said Patrick Ryan —

Therefore ordered that a Letter be wrote to Capt Christopher Tillman requesting him to take a Party of Men and endeavour to apprehend them —

Lucas Moore of Saragtoga having about a Year since made his escape from the Goal in this City where he was confined for having been with the Enemy and being apprehended & brought before us on a suspicion of guiding a Party of Tories from Newtown who were on their way to join the Enemy and he professing himself a Prisoner of war therefore ordered that he be confined and that a mittimus be made out to the Sheriff to take him into his Custody —

Adjourned —

1780 July 31. Met Albany 31st July 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

1780 July 31.

Agreeable to the request made by this Board to Major Isaac Goes of Kinderhook on the 23d instant to send to us for Examination James Ludlow and the said James Ludlow appearing and being Examined and having satisfied the Board that the charges alledged against him are without Foundation it is therefore ordered that he be discharged —

The Board proceeded to the consideration of an Affidavit of Susannah Parie taken before Johannis Van Deusen Esqr. wherein the said Susannah Parie charges Angus Mc Donald and Doctor Thompson of Livingston's Manor with having harboured British Officers from Canada on their [174] way to New York and secreting persons who had been concerned in Robberies which affidavit was transmitted to the former Board of Commissioners for Conspiracies —

Resolved on Consideration of the said Affidavit that Citations be made out for the said Doctor Thompson & Angus McDonald to appear before this Board on Monday the seventh day of August next and that the said Citations be inclosed in a Letter and sent to Johannis Van Dusen Esqr requesting him to have them served on the said McDonald and Doctor Thompson —

Application was made to the Board by John Lansing Junr Esqr in favour of Robert Adams of Johnstown now confined in Goal by an order of this Board requesting his liberation —

Ordered that he be informed that the Board cannot in the present critical situation of Public affairs consent to his Enlargement —

Isaac D. Fonda Esqr informed the Board that he has received information that Andrew Bowman, John F. Cluet, Hendrick Kerkner, Jacob Kerkner, and a certain man named Frederick a step son of Michael Huff all residing

1780 July 31. in the West District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck are preparing to go Off and join the Enemy —

Resolved in Consequence of the said Information that a warrant be made out directed to Capt Ostrum Authorizing him forthwith to apprehend the said persons and bring them before us —

Adjourned —

1780 Aug. 1. [175] Met Albany 1st August 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer } { Samuel Stringer

Richard Langley a Prisoner of war taken at Stoney point who was some time ago confined in Goal by Richard Esselstyne Esqr was brought before the Board and examined his Examination is in the following words (to wit) (see examination on file)

The Board taking into consideration the Letter received from Philip Pell Esqr Commissary of state Prisoners on the 28th Ultimo do in consequence thereof —

Resolve that an order be made out and sent to Henry Van Schaack, David Van Schaack, Lambert Burghert, Mathew Goes Junr John D. Goes, and Dirck Gardinier to prepare and hold themselves in readiness to be removed to the Goal in Goshen in Orange County by the 15th day of this month where they are to remain as Prisoners untill exchanged for some of the inhabitants of this State at present in the power of the Enemy —

Also resolved that an order be sent to Peter Ten Broeck who was liberated from his confinement by the former Board of Commissioners for Conspiracies to prepare himself and be in readiness on the 15th day of this month

to be removed to the Goal in Goshen in the County of Orange — 1780 Aug. 1.

Doctor George Smith of this City being charged with forwarding Peter Cohoon a spy from the Enemy through the Country and the said Peter Cohoon having under Oath [176] charged him therewith —

It is therefore ordered that Jacob Kidney be ordered forthwith to apprehend the said George Smith and convey him to the Goal in this City and that the Goaler be ordered to take him into his Custody and closely confine him —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 2nd August 1780 — 1780 Aug. 2

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer
Mathew Visscher, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer

A Letter from Philip Pell Esqr Commissary of state Prisoners was laid before the Board dated Poughkeepsie 27th Ultimo wherein he request's us to cause Henry Van Schaack, David Van Schaack, Cornelius Van Schaack, Lambert Burghart, John D. Goes, Mathew Goes Junr Dirck Gardineir, & Jacob Legrange, to be sent down to Fishkill under the care of an Officer of the levies which letter is in the following words (to wit) (see letter on file) —

Ordered in consequence of the said letter that the resolutions of this Board of Yesterday with respect to Henry Van Schaack, David Van Schaack, Lambert Burghart, John D. Goes, Mathew Goes Junr and Dirck Gardineir be rescinded and that they be severally ordered to appear before us on Saturday the fifth instant —

Also resolved that the resolution of Yesterday with respect

1780 Aug. 2. to Peter Ten Broeck be and is hereby rescinded and that the said Peter Ten Broeck be ordered to appear before this Board on Monday the 7th day of August Instant —

[177] Resolved that an Order be sent to Major Zadock Wright (a Prisoner of war who was confined by this Board to Kings District) to appear before us on Saturday the 5th Instant in order that he may be removed to Fishkill to be there delivered over to Philip Pell Esqr. Commissary of State Prisoners to be exchanged —

Resolved also that an order be sent to Martin Crum of Claverack who refused to take the oath tendered agreeable to an act of the Legislature of this State to persons of Neutral and Equivocal characters to appear before this Board on monday the 7th instant in order that he may be removed to Fishkill to be there delivered over to the Commissary of State Prisoners —

Andries Stoll who was some time ago committed to Goal as a dangerous and disaffected person was brought before the Board and we having certain information that his wife is in a very distressed situation without the benefit of any aid or assistance and expecting shortly to be brought to bed the Board do therefore on Consideration thereof resolve that the said Andries Stoll be released from his confinement on his entering into a Recognizance with a sufficient surety for his appearance when called upon by any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies and for his good Behaviour and doing his duty as a good and faithfull subject of the State during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain

Andries Stoll of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Blacksmith in..... £100
Abram Robison of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

1780 Aug. 2. It having appeared to the Board that Alexander Outhout who was confined by the Magistrates of this [178] City for attempting to go off and join the Enemy was persuaded thereto by Doctor Johnson and others and that no danger is to be apprehended from him on account of his Youth & inexperience; therefore ordered that he be released on Alexander Bulson entering into a recognizance for the said Alexander Outhout's appearing before this Board when called upon & for his good behaviour and doing his duty as a good and faithful subject of the State during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain and also for his appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in October next and not to depart the Court without Leave —

Alexander Bulson of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck on Recognizance as Bail for Alexander Outhout in..... £100

The Board having received information that Doctor George Smith who was Yesterday confined by order of this Board is dangerously ill and that a continuance of his present confinement may endanger his life —

It is therefore ordered that he be discharged on his entering into a Recognizance with a sufficient surety for his appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required and for his good Behaviour untill discharged by this Board —

George Smith of the City of Albany Physician in..... £100

Patrick Smith of the same place Merchant his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1780 Aug. 3. [179] Met Albany 3d August 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer

John Ryley appeared before the Board and informed that he had apprehended Jacob Smith and Jacob Dymont for Stealing two Horses from Frederick Barringar, that in his way to said Barringar's he was overtaken by Marcus Dymont who offered him a sum of money to let the said Jacob Smith and Jacob Dymont make their Escape and that afterwards the said Jacob Smith & Jacob Dymont struck him the said John Ryley on the head and by that means made their escape in which they were assisted by the said Marcus Dymont and the said Marcus Dymont being a Person disaffected to the American Cause Thereupon resolved that a warrant be made out directed to Philip Herwig commanding him with the assistance of six men to apprehend the said Jacob Smith, Jacob Dymont, and Marcus Dymont and bring them before us —

The said John Ryley was Examined as to Nicholas Van Valkenburgh which Examination is in the following words (to wit) (see examination on file)

It appearing probable to this Board from the intimacy of Samuel Kitcham with Doctor Johnson that the said Kitcham was knowing to the said Johnsons intention of going off to the Enemy it is therefore ordered that he be Examined under oath —

The said Samuel Kitcham being Examined and declaring himself ignorant of the said Doctor Johnson's [180] intentions thereupon ordered that he be discharged —

Adjourned —

1780
Aug. 4.

Met Albany 4th August 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

Samuel Stringer Esqr one of the Members of this Board informed that he had caused to be apprehended & brought before him a certain John Ryley as being a Suspicious person that he had examined him and on finding by his own Confession that he is a Prisoner of war had committed him to Goal Resolve[d] that the above procedure be approved of and that a mittimus be made out for the said John Ryley —

Christopher Warner one of the prisoners sent down by the Schenectady Commissioners was brought before the Board and examined —

Resolved that he be liberated from his confinement on Hendrick Warner of the Bever Dam entering into a recognizance for the good behaviour and personal appearance of the said Christopher Warner before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies and for doing his duty as a good and faithfull subject of this State during the continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

Hendrick Warner of the Bever Dam in the County of Albany Farmer on Recognizance as Bail for Christopher Warner in £100

Adjourned —

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1780
Aug. 5.

Met Albany 5th August 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer

1780 Aug. 5. Resolved that an order be made out and directed to John Decker Robison & Bastian Bearn of Livingston's Manor who became surety for the appearance of John Smith before this Board when called upon to deliver up to this board the said John Smith on or before the sixteenth day of August Instant and that they be informed that unless this order is complied with their recognizance will be prosecuted —

Major Zadock Wright appeared before the Board agreeable to the order of the 2nd Instant —

Resolved that the said Zadock Wright enter into a Parole to proceed to Fishkill and on the 15th Instant Surrender himself a Prisoner at that place to Philip Pell Esqr Commissary of State Prisoners which parole is in the following words (to wit) (see Parole on file) —

Henry Van Schaack, David Van Schaack and Mathew Goes Junr who on the 2nd instant was cited to appear before us appeared this day according to order —

It is resolved that they respectively enter into a Parole to repair to Fishkill and on the 1st [*or* 16th][1] day of September next surrender themselves prisoner's at that place to Philip Pell Esqr Commissary of State Prisoners which parole is in the following words (to wit) (see Parole on file)

Resolved that Jacobus Ostrander be liberated from [182] confinement on his entering into a Recognizance with sufficient sureties for his future good Behaviour for his appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required and doing his duty as a faithful subject of the state during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain

Jacobus Ostrander of Newtown in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100

[1] Date altered and ambiguous.

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Abraham Douw of the City of Albany Gentleman his Bail in ..... £ 50
Abraham Bogart of the same place Cordwainer also his Bail in..... £ 50

Adjourned —

1780 Aug. 8.

Met Albany 8th August 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Mathew Visscher
Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

A Letter from Doctor George Smith dated the 7th instant was laid before the Board wherein he request's to be sent to New York or exchanged which letter is in the following words (to wit) (see letter on file)

Ordered that he be informed that the subject of his Letter will be taken into Consideration at some future day —

It having been represented to this Board that James Halstead of Nistageuna is a Person who is disaffected to the American cause and that he has harboured and secreted persons going over to the Enemy —

Therefore resolved that a warrant be made out directed to John Tillman to apprehend the Said James [183] Halstead and forthwith bring him before us —

Resolved that John Ostrander be liberated from Confinement on his entering into a recognizance for his future good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

John Ostrander of Newtown in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Jacob Heemstraet of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

1780 Aug. 8. It having been represented to this Board that it will be necessary for Henry Van Schaack, David Van Schaack and Mathew Goes Junr to be down at Fishkill at an earlier day than is specified by their Parole therefore resolved that they be ordered to be at Fishkill on the 20th instant —

The Board having received information that there is at present at Newtown a Person who is industriously circulating reports through the Country tending to injure the American cause which Person is a son in Law to John Concklin —

Resolved that Major Ezekiel Taylor be requested to have him apprehended forthwith and sent to us —

Adjourned —

1780 Aug. 9. Met Albany 9th August 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman	Mathew Visscher
Samuel Stringer	Hugh Mitchell
Isaac D. Fonda	Jeremiah Van Rensselaer

[184] Resolved that a Letter be wrote to Philip Pell Esqr Commissary of State Prisoners respecting Henry Van Schaack, David Van Schaack, and other prisoners of war which Letter is in the following words (to wit) (see letter on file)

Richard Schermerhorn of Schenectady who was confined by the Commissioners of that place for being concerned with a party that intended to go off and join the enemy was brought before the Board and on his Examination appearing candid and open in his answers to the Questions proposed to him —

Therefore resolved that he be liberated from confinement on his entering into a recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good behaviour doing his duty when required and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called for during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

1780 Aug. 9.

Richard Schermerhorn of Schenectady Labourer in £500
Jacob Schermerhorn of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £500

Resolved that Christian Sea be liberated from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Christian Sea of the Bever Dam in the County of Albany Farmer on recognizance in..... £100
William Dietz of the Hellebergh in the County aforesaid Farmer his Bail in..... £100

[185] John Tillman appeared before the Board and informed us that he had apprehended James Halstead agreeable to our warrant issued on the 10th instant and that he had him ready to produce to us, whereupon resolved that the said James Halstead be examined his Examination is in the following words (to wit) (See Examination on file) —

Adjourned —

1780 Aug. 10.

Met Albany 10th August 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Isaac D. Fonda, Mathew Visscher

Resolved that Christian Cray be liberated from his confinement on entering into a recognizance with a surety for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

1780
Aug. 10.

Christian Cray of the East District of the Mano[r] of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in... £100
Archilaus Lynd of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Bartholemew Schermerhorn of Schenectady who was confined by order of the Commissioners for Conspiracies at Schenectady was brought before the Board and Hugh Mitchell Esq[r] one of the said Commissioners being of opinion that the said Bartholemew Schermerhorn may with safety be liberated from Confinement —

Therefore resolved that he be discharged on entering into a recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good behavi-[186]our doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Bartholemew Schermerhorn of Schenectady Farmer in..... £500
Ryer Schermerhorn of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £500

Frederick Weller of the District of Schenectady having also been confined by the Commissioners for Conspiracies at Schenectady was brought before the Board ordered that he be discharged on entering into a recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain

Frederick Weller of the District of Schenectady Labourer in..... £200
Johannis Weller of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £200

1780 Aug. 10.

Resolved that John Broachim be liberated from confinement on entering into a Recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

John Broachim of the District of Schenectady Farmer in £200
Ryer Schermerhorn of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £200
Johannis Weller of the same place Farmer also his Bail in..... £200

Adjourned —

1780 Aug. 11.

[187] Met Albany 11th August 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

Abraham Jacob Lansing appeared before this Board according to our order resolved that he enter into a recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Abraham Jacob Lansing of Lansingburgh in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £500
Jacob Van Derheyden of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck his Bail in..... £500

Dr Joseph Young appeared before the Board and informed us that he had received information from James Marr of

1780 Aug. 11. this City that a certain Peter Seeger who is now in Town has mentioned some circumstances respecting the attack of the enemy at Schohary from which he is led to suppose that the said Peter Seeger has connection with the Enemy —

Therefore ordered that Jacob Kidney immediately apprehend the said Peter Seeger and bring him before us —

Peter Seeger being brought before us and examined as to the above informed us in what manner he had received his information and the same being satisfactory ordered that he be discharged —

Resolved that Samuel Stringer Esq[r] be requested to propose John Tillman Jun[r] to raise and take the command of [188] a Ranger Company to be under the direction of this Board —

William Pemberton who is charged with harbouring and forwarding through the country Peter Cohoon a spy from the Enemy appeared before the Board according to our order and as the proof in support of the above charge is not so full as to render his confinement necessary —

Therefore ordered that he enter into a Recognizance with sufficient sureties for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

William Pemberton of the City of Albany Marriner in..... £500
William Charles of the same place Butcher his Bail in..... £250
Wheeler Douglass of the same place Innkeeper also his Bail in..... £250

Resolved that George Shannon be liberated from confinement on entering into a recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when

called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain — 1780 Aug. 11.

George Shannon of the District of Schenectady Farmer in..... £200
Johannis Shoemaker of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £200

John Nightingale who was confined for making use of expressions tending to injure the American cause and being of a suspicious character was brought before the Board and it appearing that his Family are greatly distressed by the [189] means of his confinement —

Therefore ordered that the said John Nigh[t]ingale be liberated from his confinement on entering into a recognizance with a sufficient surety for his appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon for his good behaviour doing his duty and remaining within the following Limits (to wit) to the north from his house to the Schenectady Road to the west to Veeder's Mill's to the south to the Norman's Creek and to the East to Hudson's River during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain unless called upon to do Militia duty—

John Nightingale of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Yeoman in.... £100
Joshua Bloore of the City of Albany Merchant his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

Met Albany 12th August 1780 1780 Aug. 12.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Isaac D. Fonda
Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer

1780 Aug. 12. Resolved that Jacob Sybert be discharged from his confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing when called upon before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Jacob Sybert of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Labourer in..... £100
Peter Radliff of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Peter Snyder be liberated from Con- [190] finement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Peter Snyder of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Labourer in..... £100
Hendrick Snyder of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

The Board having received certain information that William True for whose appearance Col^{l} Abraham Van Alstyne became surety is gone off to the Enemy —

Resolved that an order be made out to Col^{l} Van Alstyne to deliver up the said William True or pay the Amount of the recognizance by him entered into for the said William True —

Resolved that John Boyd who is surety for William M^{c}Auley deliver up the said M^{c}Auley in fourteen days from this day —

The Board having received information that John Rodliff and Arent Rodliff for whom Rykert Rodliff became surety

have refused to do Militia duty whereby they have forfeited their Recognizance's therefore resolved that the said Rykert Rodliff their Bail appear before this Board on Wednesday next to shew cause why the said Recognizance's should not be put in Suit — 1780 Aug. 12.

It having been suggested to us that George Keneir of this City is able to give information respecting several persons that have lately gone off and joined the Enemy and the said George Keneir being sent for appeared was examined & then discharged —

[191] Resolved that Doctor George Smith and Joshua Bloore be ordered to deliver up to this Board on or before the 19th day of August instant Ebenezer Knap, Elisha Marsh, Nicholas Schuyler, Nathan Lull & Joseph Lull for whose appearance when called upon the said George Smith and Joshua Bloore have become surety —

Resolved also that Joshua Bloore be ordered to deliver up to this Board on or before the 19th day of August instant Barnabas Loughley for whose appearance the said Joshua Bloore is surety —

Resolved that James Caldwell deliver up to this Board on or before the 19th day of August instant Duncan M^{c}Connelly and John Maginness for whose appearance before us when called upon he has become surety —

Also further resolved that Lewis Fotie deliver up Henry J. Mesick on or before the 19th day of August instant agreeable to the Tenor of his Recognizance —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 13th August 1780 1780 Aug. 13.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Samuel Stringer

1780 Aug. 13. Andries Bronck and [*blank*] Wells appeared before the Board and informed us that being out on a scout by order of Col! Van Bergen towards Beesink they had taken Prisoner a certain John Sheerman whom they suspected to be a spy from the Enemy and one of those Tories who have some time ago infested that part of the Country with continual Robberies and the said John Sheerman being brought in and examined says that he comes from Fishkill and was when he was apprehended [192] on his way to his Family who live near Schenectady Ordered that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Adjourned

1780 Aug. 14. Met Albany 14th August 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Samuel Stringer

Andries Loucks one of the Prisoners now confined in Goal by the Schenectady Commissioners was brought before the Board and Examined ordered that he be recommitted —

Resolved that Johan Jost Warner be liberated from confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain and also for his appearance at the next supream Court of Judicature to be held on the third Tuesday in October next at the City Hall in this City (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held) and not depart the Court without leave —

Johan Jost Warner of Schohary Farmer in.. £100
Christian Weaver of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

1780 Aug. 14.

Resolved that the said Johan Jost Warner enter into a recognizance for the appearance of his wife Margaret Warner at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held on the third Tuesday in October next at the City Hall in this City (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held) and not to depart the Court without leave —

Johan Jost Warner of Schohary Farmer on Recog^e as Bail for his wife Margaret Warner in £200

Adjourned

1780 Aug. 15.

[193] Met Albany 15^th August 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer

Resolved that Robert Adams be discharged from confinement on his entering into a recognizance with sufficient sureties for his future good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Robert Adams of Johnstown in Tryon County Merchant in..... £200
Thomas Shipboy of the City of Albany Merchant his Bail in..... £100
James Caldwell of the same place also his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Leonard Weger be liberated from confinement on entering into a recognizance with a surety for his future good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies whenever

1780 Aug. 15. called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Leonard Weger of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in..... £100
Jurie Francisko of Cooksborough in the County of Albany Farmer his Bail in.... £100

The Board having received information that Christopher Hutt of the Bever Dam who is now in this City is by his conduct and conversation daily endeavouring to injure the American cause therefore resolved that he be immediately apprehended by the door Keeper & confined & that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Adjourned —

1780 Aug. 16. [194] Met Albany 16th August 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Resolved that an order be made out directed to Arent N. Van Patten who became Bail for the appearance of Johannis Staring of Tryon County to deliver up to this Board the said Johannis Staring on or before the 26th day of August instant —

Rykert Rodliff being on the 12th instant cited to appear before the Board to shew cause why the Recognizance entered into by the said Rykert Rodliff for his sons Arent Rodliff and John Rodliff should not be put in suit as they the said Arent and John Rodliff refused to do Militia duty and the said Rykert Rodliff appearing and denying the charge alledged against his sons therefore resolved that the said Arent Rodliff & John Rodliff appear before this Board

on Friday the 18th day of August instant in order that they may be examined as to the same — 1780 Aug. 16.

James Halstead having on his examination informed the Board that a certain Samuel Kid or Tid living with John Duncan near Schenectady is able to give some very Material information respecting Letters received by the said John Duncan from the Enemy —

Resolved that a letter be wrote to Capt Hendrick Ostrum to have the said Samuel Kid apprehended and brought before us as soon as possible that he may be Examined as to the above —

Adjourned —

[195] Met Albany 17th August 1780 1780 Aug. 17.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Resolved that Joachim Van Slyck of Claverack who became surety for the appearance of Bartholemew Van Valkenburgh before this Board when called upon deliver up the said Bartholemew Van Valkenburgh on or before the 23d day of August instant —

Lewis Fotie agreeable to the order of the 12 instant appeared before the Board with Henry J. Mesick —

Resolved that the said Henry J. Mesick enter into a recognizance of anew for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Henry J. Mesick of the District of Claverack Farmer in..... £500

Lewis Fotie of the City of Albany Baker his Bail in..... £500

1780 Aug. 17. Resolved that Jacob M. Vosburgh of Claverack District who became surety for Dirck Vosburgh's appearance before this Board when called upon deliver up the said Dirck Vosburgh on or before the 23d day of August instant —

Resolved that Peter Van Valkenburgh of Claverack District who became surety for Hendrick Skinkle's appearance before this Board when called upon deliver up the said Hendrick Skinkle on or before the 23d day of August instant —

The Board being of opinion that John Kluck of this City is a dangerous and disaffected person and that his going at large may prove of dangerous consequences to the safety [196] of the State therefore resolved that Jacob Kidney be ordered forthwith to apprehend the said John Kluck and confine them —

There being reason to suspect that John McDole, Colin Farguson & Peter Muir of this City are knowing and accessary to several persons going off to the enemy therefore resolved that they be immediately sent for —

John McDonald, Colin Farguson, & Peter Muir appearing were examined on oath and returning Satisfactory Answers to the Questions proposed they were discharged —

Adjourned —

1780 Aug. 18. Met Albany 18th August 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher

Rykert Radliff agreeable to the order of the 16th instant appeared before the Board with his sons Arent Radliff and John Radliff.

Resolved that the above mentioned John Radliff enter into a Recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good

behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain — 1780 Aug. 18.

John Radliff of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Labourer in..... £200
Rykert Radliff of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £200

The above mentioned Arent Radliff being under age resolved that his Father Rykert Radliff enter into [197] a Recognizance for him the same in every respect with that entered into by his Brother John Radliff —

Rykert Radliff of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer on Recognizance as Bail for his son Arent Radliff in..... £200

Resolved that Jacob Halenbeeck Junr of Klinkenbergh be ordered forthwith to appear before the Board with a sufficient surety to enter into a Recognizance of anew —

Resolved that Philip Cook, Peter Livingston Junr, Wilhelmas Dillenbeeck, and Jacob Fraligh be ordered to appear before this Board on the 24th day of August instant agreeable to the Tenor of their several Recognizance's —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 19th August 1780 1780 Aug. 19.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Samuel Stringer

Resolved that a letter be wrote to Hugh Mitchell Esqr one of the Commissioners for Conspiracies at Schenectady

1780 Aug. 19. requesting him to send down to this Board William Bowen a Prisoner of war in order to his being sent down to the Commissary of state Prisoners for the purpose of an Exchange —

Bartholemewis Van Valkenburgh appearing according to order to enter into a new Recognizance resolved that he be bound for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Bartholemewis Van Valkenburgh of the District of Kinderhook Farmer in..... £200
[198] Joachim Van Slyck of the same place Farmer his Bail in £200

Information having been exhibited to this Board from which they are of opinion that Isaac Ostrander of the Hellebergh is a dangerous and disaffected person and that by his conversation he endeavours daily to injure the American cause and he having been cited to appear before us appearing this Day —

Resolved that he be confined and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Dirck Vosburgh of the District of Claverack having been ordered to appear before us to enter into a recognizance of anew and appearing this day agreeable to order —

Resolved that he be bound for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Dirck Vosburgh of the District of Claverack Farmer in £200

Resolved that a citation be made out directed to Doctor Thompson and Angus M^{c}Donald of the Manor of Living-

ston to appear before this Board on the 24th day of August instant to answer the charges alledged against them in an Affidavit of Susannah Parie taken before Johannis Van Deusen Esqr and that Capt Robison of Claverack District be requested to deliver the said citation to any Constable of Livingston's Manor to have the same served — 1780 Aug. 19.

John Decker Robison of Claverack District appeared before the Board with John Smith for whose appearance before us when called uppon he some time since became surety —

[199] Resolved that the said John Smith enter into a Recognizance of anew for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain and also for his remaining within the Limits of Livingston's Manor unless he shall be called upon to do Militia duty or obtain permission from this Board to leave the same and for his appearing before us on the 14th day of October next —

John Smith of Livingston's Manor Labourer in..... £1000
John Decker Robison of Claverack District his Bail in..... £1000

Resolved that Thomas Weger be liberated from confinement on Samuel Kitcham's entering into a recognizance for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies whenever thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Samuel Kitchim of Lansingburgh Farmer on Recognizance as Bail for Thomas Weeger in..... £100

Adjourned —

1780
Aug. 22.

Met Albany 22nd August 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer

Resolved that William Loucks be liberated from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the [200] present war with Great Britain —

William Loucks of Schohary Farmer in..... £100
Peter Borst of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

Resolved that a letter be wrote to Lieut Coll Henry K. Van Rensselaer requesting him to furnish this Board with a List of the Names of the Persons who are able to prove the charges alledged against Thomas Blewer now confined in Goal

Adjourned

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Aug. 23.

Met Albany 23d August 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda

Mathew Van Valkenburgh having heretofore been bound by a Recognizance and having been cited to appear before this Board to enter into a Recognizance of a new and appearing agreeable to Order —

Resolved that he enter into the same with a sufficient surety for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies

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whenever[r] thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Mathew Van Valkenburgh of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Blacksmith in..... £100
Hendrick Skinkle of Claverack District Blacksmith his Bail in..... £100

Hendrick Skinkle of Claverack having also been cited to appear before this Board to enter into Recognizance of anew and appearing agreeable to Order —

[201] Resolved that he enter into a recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Hendrick Skinkle of Claverack District Blacksmith in..... £100
Mathew Van Valkenburgh of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Blacksmith his Bail in..... £100

Information being exhibited to this Board that there is at present in this City a certain person who calls himself James Van Zant who there is the greatest reason to suspect is an Emissary from the Enemy —

Whereupon resolved that the said Person be sent for & examined on his Examination he says he is last Come from Newport that he left Long Island about three Years ago that his Father has a farm there and that he was led by curiosity to see Albany and on his producing a proper Pass resolved that he be discharged —

Adjourned —

1780
Aug. 24.

Met Albany 24th August 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer

Jacob Man confined by the Commissioners for Conspiracies at Schenectady was brought before the Board and as no direct proof has as yet been exhibited against him and he offering a good surety for his future good conduct —

Therefore resolved that he enter into a recognizance for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the [202] Commissioners for Conspiracies whenever thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Jacob Man of Schohary Farmer in..... £200
William Man of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £200

Philip Cook appearing before the Board according to order to enter into a Recognizance of anew —

Resolved that he [be] bound for his good behaviour doing his duty & appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Philip Cook of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Taylor in..... £100
Wilhelmas Dillenbagh of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Wilhelmas Dillenbagh appearing before the Board to enter into Recognizance of anew —

Resolved that he enter into the same for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

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Wilhelmas Dillenbagh of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.. £100
Philip Cook of the same place Taylor his Bail in..... £100

On reading a Petition of Doctor George Smith setting forth his situation as to Health and circumstances and praying leave to go to Canada with his Family —

Resolved that Dr George Smith be informed that this Board are well acquainted with his State of health & have therefore no objections to his going to Canada but that it is not [203] in the power of this Board to grant him the Permission required and that an application of this nature ought to be made to his Excellency Governor Clinton —

Adjourned —

1780
Aug. 25.

Met Albany 25th August 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } Samuel Stringer

A Certificate was laid before the Board signed by Nathan Pearce & several others of the Principal inhabitants of Fredericksborough in Dutchess County setting forth that Dr James Muldrum is a friend to the American Cause and that he has behaved himself well for several years past —

Resolved in Consequence of the said Certificate that Duncan Mc Dougall who became Bail for the said Dr James Muldrum be discharged from the recognizance by him entered into for the said James Muldrum —

Resolved that citations be made out for John Cuppernull and John J. Vrooman of Tryon County to appear before Hugh Mitchell Esqr at Schenectady on the sixth day of

1780 Aug. 25. September next to enter into Recognizance's for their appearance at the next supream Court and that the said citations be inclosed in a letter to the said Hugh Mitchell to be forwarded to them —

Angus M^{c}Donald agreeable to the order of this Board of the 19th instant appeared this day before us —

Resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Adjourned —

1780 Aug. 26. [204] Met Albany 26th August 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer

Resolved that Ann Standerren and Mary Partherton (who were some time ago confined for endeavouring to persuade the subjects not to take up arms in defence of the American cause) be sent down to the Commissioners for Conspiracies at Poughkeepsie for the purpose of their being removed within the Enemies Lines And that a letter with respect to them be wrote to the said Commissioners —

The board having taken into consideration the application of Jacob A. Lansing to be liberated from confinement whereupon resolved that he be discharged from his said Confinement on his taking an Oath that he will not directly or indirectly by word or deed give or cause to be given any aid comfort or intelligence to any of the enemies or opposers of the united States of America and that he will make known to the Commissioners for Conspiracies all conspiracies that may be formed in this State against the liberties of America and of all treasonable actings or doings that may come to his Knowledge and entering into a recognizance with suffi-

cient sureties for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain — 1780 Aug. 26.

Jacob A. Lansing of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £500
[205] Abraham Ja: Lansing of Lansingburgh Farmer his Bail in..... £250
William Liverse of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer also his Bail in..... £250

John Sherman was brought before the Board and Examined who says he deserted from the Batteau Service at Fish Kill resolved that the Quarter Master General be requested to send him down to Fish Kill—

Adjourned —

Met Albany 28th August 1780 1780 Aug. 28.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

John Nightingale who was on the 11th instant released from confinement on entering into a Recognizance with Joshua Bloore as his surety appeared this day before the Board and requested that Abraham Veeder of the Norma[n]s Creek may be accepted as his Bail in the stead of the said Joshua Bloore —

Whereupon Resolved that the said Joshua Bloore be discharged from his recognizance and that the said Abraham Veeder enter into a recognizance for the said John Nightingale's conforming to the Terms of the recognizance by him entered into on the said 11th day of August instant —

1780 Aug. 28. Abraham Veeder of the Norma[n]s Creek Farmer as Bail for John Nigh[t]ingale in £100

William Bowen a prisoner of war on Parole having been cited to appear before the Board appeared this day according to order

Resolved that he enter into Parole to proceed to Fish- [206] Kill and by the fourth day of September next there deliver himself up as a prisoner of war to Philip Pell Esq[r] Commissary of state Prisoners which Parole is in the following words (to wit) (see Parole on file)

Robert Davis having been cited to appear before this Board appeared resolved that he enter into a recognizance of anew for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Robert Davis of the Normans Kill School-master in..... £100
Volkert Veeder of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Whereas Dirck Gardineir, Lambert Burghart and John D. Goes of Kinderhook have been cited to appear before this Board at a certain day now past and have neglected to appear whereby they have severally broken their Parole

Therefore resolved that a warrant be made out directed to John Tillman forthwith to apprehend and bring them before us —

Martin Crom of Claverack District having also been cited to appear before this Board and not appearing agreeable to our order therefore resolved that the said John Tillman also apprehend the said Martin Crom and bring him before us—

Received a letter from Mathew Adgate Esq[r] dated King

District 27th instant inclosing several Examinations respecting Major Zadock Wright which Letter and examinations are in the following words (to wit) (see letter and examinations on file) — 1780 Aug. 28.

[207] Received another Letter from Mathew Adgate Esqr dated 27th instant informing that he sends to us under Guard Samuel Johnson who is going about the Country & dissuading people from taking up Arms in defence of the American cause which Letter is in the following words (to wit) (see Letter on file) —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 29th August 1780 1780 Aug. 29.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer

The Board having taken into consideration the Application of Jacob J. Truax to be liberated from confinement do thereupon resolve that he be discharged on his taking an Oath not to aid comfort or assist the enemies of the United States and to make known all Plots & conspiracies against this or any other of the United States of America & on his entering into a recognizance for his good behaviour doing his duty & appearing before any three of the Commissioners of Conspiracies whenever thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Jacob J. Truax of the City of Albany Innkeeper in £500
Isaac Truax of the same place Innkeeper his Bail in £250
Johannis Wyngart of the same place Yeoman also his Bail in £250

1780 Aug. 29. Joseph Hawkins, Thomas Yarns, William Ball and William Griffen having been apprehended by Order of Albert Baker, John Moss & Noah Pain Esq^rs three of the Justices of [208] the peace for the County of Charlotte were brought before the Board under Guard and it appearing from the charges transmitted by the said Justices that the said prisoners are dangerous & disaffected Persons and that they have been with the enemy—

It is therefore resolved that they be committed and a mittimus be made out for them —

Deborah Baker was brought before the board by Col^l Henry K. Van Rensselaer as an evidence against Thomas Blewer and the said Deborah Baker being examined saith as follows (to wit) (see examination on file)

Adjourned —

1780 Aug. 30. Met August 30^th August 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Mathew Visscher

An Act[1] for the Legislature of this State entitled " An Act[1] for the Removal of the Families of Persons who have joined the enemy passed 1^st. day of July 1780 was laid before the Board and as it is highly Necessary the said Act should be put into immediate Execution and as there are not a sufficient number of printed Copies for the different districts therefore ordered that the secretary to this Board make copies of the said Act for every district in this County and that the same be forthwith transmitted to the Justices of the said district in order that no delay may be occasioned in the Execution of the same —

Adjourned —

[1] Appendix I· Laws, July 1, 1780.

[209] Met Albany 31st August 1780 1780 Aug. 31.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Mathew Visscher

John Boyd Junr appearing before the Board according to order for the purpose of entering into a recognizance of anew —

Resolved that he enter into the same with a sufficient surety for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain—

John Boyd Junr of Balltown Millwright in. £100
John Holmes of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

Met Albany 1st September 1780 1780 Sept. 1.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer

Received a letter from Hugh Mitchell Esqr dated the 20th August last respecting John Cuppernull and John J. Vrooman which is in the following words (to wit) (see letter on file)

Agreeable to an order of this Board the following Persons appeared to enter into new recognizance's (to wit) Coenrad Clapper, David Finger, Martinus Schuck, Johannis Muller, Andries Rees, Andries Rees Junr Johannis Tatter, Solomon Schutt, Nicholas Wheeler, Broer Witbeeck, Fite Miller, Johannis Shaver, Jacob Hoofman, William Schuck,

1780 Sept. 1. Albartus Siemon, [210] Johannis Siemon, Jurie Lemon, & John Concklin —

Resolved that they enter into the same and that they be severally bound for their good Behaviour doing their duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Coenradt Clapper of Livingston's Manor Farmer in £100
David Finger of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

David Finger of Livingston's Manor Farmer in £100
Coenradt Clapper of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

Martinus Schuck of Livingston's Manor Labourer ..... in. £100
Johannis Muller of the same place his Bail in. £100

Andries Rees Junr of Livingston's Manor Labourer in £100
Andries Rees of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

Andries Rees of Livingstons Manor Farmer in £100
Andries Rees Junr of the same place Labourer his Bail in..... £100

Johannis Tater of Livingston's Manor Farmer in £100
Solomon Schutt of the same place Labourer his Bail in..... £100

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Solomon Schutt of Livingston's Manor Labourer in..... £100
Johannis Tater of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Nicholas Wheeler of Livingston's Manor Farmer in..... £100
Broer Witbeeck of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Broer Witbeeck of Livingston's Manor Farmer in..... £100
Nicholas Wheeler of the same place his Bail in..... £100

Fite Miller of Livingstons Farmer..... in £100
Johannis Shaver of the same place his Bail in £100

Johannis Shaver of Livingston's Manor Labourer..... in £100
Fite Miller of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

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[211] Jacob Hoofman of Livingston's Manor Farmer in..... £100
William Schuck of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

William Schuck of Livingston's Manor Farmer in..... £100
Jacob Hoofman of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

Albertus Siemon of Livingston's Manor Farmer in..... £100
Johannis Siemon of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

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Johannis Siemon of Livingston's Manor Farmer in..... £100
Albertus Siemon of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

John Concklin of Livingston's Manor Farmer in..... £100

Jurie Lemon of Livingston's Manor Labourer in £100

Coenradt Cline of Livingston's Manor Farmer Bail for Peter Lampman in..... £100

John Tillman appeared before the Board and informed us that he had agreeable to the warrant directed to him apprehended Lambert Burghart of the District of Kinderhook and Martin Crom of Claverack District —

Lambert Burghart being brought before us says that he is very willing to comply with any order of this Board respecting him but that he is at present in no situation to travel to Fish Kill being indisposed occasioned by the Yaws which he has had upon him for a year past and as we have been Certified as to the truth of the same —

Therefore resolved that the said Lambert Burghart enter into a parole to remain at his place of abode in Kinderhook District untill called upon by any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies or the Commissary of State Prisoners —

Resolved that Martin Crom appear before the Board to morrow Morning —

[212] The Board taking into consideration the application of John Bratt to be liberated from Confinement —

Resolved on account of his age & infirmeties that he be released on his taking an oath not to comfort aid or assist any of the enemies of the United States and to make known

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to us all persons coming from the enemy who secrete themselves in the woods and also on his entering into a recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

John Bratt of the Hellebergh Farmer in.... £100
John Willson of Kinderhook Farmer his Bail in..... £100
Barent Van Alen of the City of Albany Marriner also his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1780 Sept. 2.

Met Albany 2nd September 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher

Martin Crom who was ordered to appear before the Board appeared and laid before us a Certificate signed by a number of Militia Officers and other of the principal and well affected inhabitants of Claverack District Certifying that the said Martin Crom has always since the present war conducted himself as a peaceable subject of the State and has done his duty faithfully when called upon And the said Martin Crom also laying before us two Letters [213] directed to this Board the one from Major John McKinstrey & the other from Joseph Clarke both dated 31st August last in which said letters the said Major McKinstrey and Josep[h] Clarke recommend to us the said Martin Crom as a faithfull and leige subject of the State which Letters are in the following words (to wit) (see letters on the file)

Resolved on consideration of the above Certificate and

1780 Sept. 2. letters that Martin Crom return to his place of abode in Claverack District and there remain till called upon by this Board —

Jacob Halenbeeck Junr appeared before the Board according to order to enter into recognizance of anew —

Resolved that he enter into the same with a sufficient surety for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Jacob Halenbeeck Junr of Cooksakie District Farmer in..... £100
Adam Hilton of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1780 Sept. 4. Met Albany 4th September 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Isaac D. Fonda

The Board having received information that John Cobham is frequently going to the Northward & there being great reason to suspect that he keeps up a correspondanc[e] with the enemy — Therefore resolved that the said John Cobham [214] be ordered forthwith to appear before this Board —

John Cobham appearing informed the Board that there are several persons at Fort Edward & Saragtoga who are indebted to him in large sums of money and that he has been endeavouring to collect the same and producing to the Board several notes of hand for Money due to him thereupon resolved that the said John Cobham be discharged and that he be cautioned against leaving this City in future without a Pass from this Board —

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Hazelton Spencer an Ensign in Sir John Johnsons Corps having been apprehended at Danby in the County of Charlotte was brought before the Board and examined resolved that he be committed —

Resolved that Isaac Ostrander be liberated from his Confinement on entering into a recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Isaac Ostrander of the Hellebergh Farmer in.. £100
John Waley of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Capt Isaac Van Valkenburgh appeared before the Board and informed us that he and William Klauw had became surety before the Commissioners for Conspiracies at Pougkeepsie for John J. Van Valkenburgh and Mathew McCagge who lately came from New York that they the said John J. Van Valkenburgh and Mathew McCagge should in ten days [215] surrender themselves as prisoners to this Board and producing a Certificate of the same from the said Commissioners —

And the said John J. Van Valkenburgh being examin[e]d saith as follows (to wit) (see Examination on file) —

Resolved that the said John J. Van Valkenburgh be permitted to go to Kinderhook on his entering into a recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

John J. Van Valkenburgh of Kinderhook Labourer in..... £500
Jurry Van Valkenburgh of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £500

1780 Sept. 4. Also resolved that Mathew Mc:Cagge be discharged on Peter L. Van Alen of Kinderhook entering into a Recognizance for the said Mathew Mc:Cagge's good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Peter L. Van Alen of Kinderhook Weaver as
Bail for Mathew Mc Cagge in £500

Adjourned —

1780 Sept. 5. Met Albany 5th September 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Lieutenant Thomas Ismay appeared before the Board and informed us that Benjamin Van Etten and his son John Van Etten of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck refuse to do [216] any Militia duty and say they will not take up Arms against the King that William Hooghtaling of the same place said he was a Kings man and that he would have nothing to do with the Rebels and that Adrian Bradt is greatly disaffected and that the Persons who are able to prove the above charges are Simeon Viele and Philip Radliff —

Resolved in consequence of the above information that citations be made out and sent to the said Simeon Viele and Philip Radliff commanding their appearance before us at the City Hall on the 7th instant —

The board being also informed that Ensign Ephraim Hudson is able to give information against several disaffected Persons resolved that a letter be wrote to the said Ephraim Hudson requesting his appearance before us as soon as possible —

1780 Sept. 5.

Resolved that a citation be sent to Mrs Catharine Burlingham to appear before us on the 7th instant to give information respecting the conduct of several of the inhabitants of New Scotland —

John Broachim who was on the 10th August last liberated from Confinement appeared before the Board with David Kittle as his surety —

Resolved that Ryer Schermerhorn and Johannis Weller his former Bails be and they are hereby discharged and that the said John Broachim enter into recognizance anew with the said David Kittle as his surety for his good Behaviour doing his duty & appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required [217] during the continuance of the present was with Great Britain —

John Broachim of the District of Schenectady Farmer in..... £200
David Kittle of the same place Farmer his Bail in £200

Adjourned —

1780 Sept. 6.

Met Albany 6th September 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

John Johnson of the State of Connecticut appeared before the Board and laid before us a letter from Coll. William B. Whiting of Kings District wherein the said Coll. Whiting request's that Samuel Johnson who was the other day confined by Mathew Adgate Esqr for dissuading the inhabitants of this State to take up Arms in defence of the Country may be delivered over to the said John Johnson his Brother as he beleives from the former character of the said Samuel John-

1780 Sept. 6. son that he is at present Insane And that the said John Johnson producing also a letter from the said Mathew Adgate Esq[r] to this Board advising compliance with the above request —

Resolved in consequence of the above Letters that the said Samuel Johnson be delivered over to the said John Johnson and that he be cautioned against coming in this State whilst he persists in inculcating such dangerous and destructive Principles —

Resolved that the Secretary pay to Jesse Fairchilds[1] the sum of £162 — 16 Continental Money on account —

Hendrick Merkle appeared before the Board according to our order to enter into anew Recognizance —

[218] Resolved that he enter into the same for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Hendrick Merkle of Tryon County Farmer in. £100
John Roff of the City of Albany Merchant
his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1780 Sept. 7. Met Albany 7[th] September 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer

Siemon Viele appeared before the Board according to our order of the 5[th] instant and was examined his examination is in the words following (to wit) (see examination on file)

[1] He signed his name "Fairchild". See note under date of September 12, 1780.

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Catharine Bullingham and Philip Radliff being also on the 5th instant cited to appear before the Board appeared and were examined their Examination's are as follows (to wit) (see examinations on file)

John Armstrong who was some time since confined by Col! Henry K. Van Rensselaer was brought before the Board —

Resolved that (agreeable to the request of the said Col! Rensselaer) the said John Armstrong be liberated from confinement on his entering into a recognizance for his future good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies [219] when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

John Armstrong of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Weaver in..... £100
John E. Lansing of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1780 Sept. 8.

Met Albany 8th September 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer

Resolved that Jacob Ball Junr of the Bever Dam be discharged from confinement on entering into a recognizance for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Jacob Ball Junr of the Bever Dam Farmer in £100
Peter Man Junr of Schohary Farmer his Bail in £100

1780 Sept. 8. Resolved also that John Ball Junr be discharged from confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good behaviour doing his duty & appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

John Ball Junr of the Bever Dam Labourer in £100
William Man of Schohary Farmer his Bail in £100

Adjourned —

1780 Sept. 11. [220] Met Albany 11th September 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D Fonda, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer

Resolved that George Rodgers be discharged from confinement on entering into a recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

George Rodgers of the City of Albany Weaver in £100
Henry Van Wie of the same place Carpenter his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Mathias Rose, William Rodgers, John Stiles, Robert Brisben, and John McDole be severally cited to appear before this Board on the 24th day of September instant with sufficient sureties to enter into new recognizance's

A Letter directed to this Board from Capt Isaac Van Valkenburgh dated the 9th instant was laid before us wherein he requests a Certificate of John Van Valkenburgh's having entered into a recognizance before us for his good behaviour

and appearance before us when called upon in order that the said Isaac Van Valkenburgh may by producing the said certificate be enabled to get the Effects taken from him when he came from New York and which were detained by a Justice of the peace residing at Crompon in Dutchess County — 1780 Sept. 11.

Resolved that in compliance with the above request a certificate be made out and transmitted to the [221] said Cap^{t} Van Valkenburgh —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 12th September 1780 1780 Sept. 12.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Samuel Stringer

Resolved that Christopher Hutt be liberated from confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Christopher Hutt of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in..... £100
William Monk of the Hellebergh Farmer his Bail in £100

Resolved that the Secretary pay to Jesse Fairchild the sum of 282£ 16^{s} on account of services performed for this Board —[1]

Adjourned —

[1] The item ordered paid, on September 6, amounting to £162 „ 16s., and the above amount, making together the sum of £445 „ 12s., were paid together. The original voucher is in *Revolutionary Manuscripts*, vol. 40, p. 172, State Comptroller's Office.

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Sept. 13.

Met Albany 13th September 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Samuel Stringer

Thomas Blewer having been committed to Goal by Col^{l} Henry K. Van Rensselaer was brought before the Board

Resolved that he be liberated from Confinement on entering into a recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good behaviour doing his duty & appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

[222] Thomas Blewer of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in . £100
David Groesbeeck of the City of Albany Cordwainer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1780
Sept. 15.

Met Albany 15th September 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

William Klaw of Kline Kill appeared before the Board and informed us that there is at present at Kinderhook a certain woman who has lately been to New York that from every circumstance there is the greatest reason to suppose that she has been sent there by certain Tories at Kinderhook for the purpose of obtaining intelligence and it being highly necessary that this Matter should be enquired into and properly investigated —

Therefore Resolved that a Letter be wrote to Major Isaac

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Goes requesting him to have the said woman apprehended and brought before him and to examine her as to the Names of the persons who sent her to New York and to send the said persons together with the said woman forthwith to us —

A Certificate dated 13th instant signed by John L. Bronk and Philip Conine Esqrs was laid before the Board wherein the[y] set forth that aggreeable to a Law of this State Entitled an Act for the removal of the Families " of persons who have joined the Enemy" they have warned the following persons to remove out of this State or to such parts of it as [223] are within the power of the enemy within twenty days from the date of the said Certificate Vizt Rachel Halenbeeck the wife of Casper P. Halenbeeck, Maria Jansen the wife of Johannis Jansen, Margaret Riemer the wife of Johannis Riemer, Maria Eckler the wife of William Eckleer, Engeltie Schram the wife of Frederick Schram and Cornelia Danials the wife of Dirck Danials, ordered that the said Certificate be filed —

A Certificate dated 9th September signed by Samuel Van Veghten Esqr one of the Justices of the peace for the County of Albany was laid before the Board wherein he sets forth that agreeable to the last mentioned act of the Legislature he has warned the following persons to remove out of this State or to such parts of it as are in the power of the enemy Vizt Catharine Dies the wife of Jacob Dies, Eva Dies the wife of Mathew Dies, Mary Van Garde the wife of Benjamin Van Garde, Elizabeth Lampman the wife of Wilhelmas Lampman, Gertruyd Dewitt the wife of Evert Dewitt, Jakemyntie Williams the wife of Frederick Williams, Jane Picksen the wife of John Picksen and Jane Straight the wife of Thomas Straight —

Adjourned —

1780
Sept. 16. Met Albany 16th September 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher

James Parks who came from the enemy last spring having been apprehended was brought before the Board on being Examined he saith as follows (to wit) (see Examination on file)

[224] Resolved that the said James Parks be confined and that a mittimus be made out for him —

Johan Jurie Fought appearing according to our order to enter into anew recognizance —

Resolved that he enter into the same for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Johan Jurie Fought of Lonenburgh in the District of Coxsakie Farmer in..... £100
Sylvester Salsbury of the County of Albany Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that an order be made out directed to Amos Lucas forthwith to deliver up to this Board William Tyler for whose appearance when called upon he became surety —

Resolved that citations be sent to John Wans, William Jackson, Andrian Bradt, Benjamin Van Etten, and William Hooghteling to appear before this Board on the 19th day of September instant —

Also Resolved that a citation be sent to Dr Thompson of Livi[n]gston's Manor to appear before this Board on or before the first day of October next —

The board having received information that Major Zadock Wright is at present with his Family in Cumberland County—

Resolved that a letter be wrote to Moses Wright (who entered into a bond to deliver up the said Zadock Wright [225] when called upon) forthwith to bring before the Board the said Zadock Wright — 1780 Sept. 16.

Adjourned —

Met Albany 18th September 1780 1780 Sept. 18.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } Samuel Stringer

Agreeable to the citation sent to Doctor Thompson on the 16th instant he appeared resolved that the said Dr Thompson be committed and that a Mittimus be made out to the Goaler to take him into his custody and closely confine him —

Cornelia Danials appeared before the Board and informed us that her Husband Dirck Danials had about four years ago gone off to the Enemy and that agreeable to a late Law John L. Bronk & Philip Conine Esqrs two of the [Justices] of the Peace for this County had ordered her to leave this State or remove to such parts of it as are in the Power of the enemy And the said Cornelia Danials laying before the Board a Recommendation from the said Justices setting forth that she has always behaved herself in an unexceptionable Manner and recommending it to the Board to grant her a Permit to remain at her Habitation —

Resolved in Consequence of the said recommendation that a Permit be granted her accordingly —

John Stiles having been ordered to appear before the Board to enter into a new Recognizance appeared pursuant to the said Order —

Resolved that he enter into the same with a sufficient

1780 Sept. 18. surety for his good behaviour doing his duty and [226] appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

John Stiles of Palmertown in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
James Eldrige of Saragtoga in the County aforesaid Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Seth Perry appeared before the Board and informed us that James Starks, Ephraim Knowlton & Philip Philips are endeavouring daily to instil into the minds of weak and ignorant people a persuasion that it is contrary to Scripture to take up Arms in defence of the Country and are otherwise by their conduct and conversation giving Offence to the friends of the American cause —

It is therefore resolved that the said James Starks, Ephraim Knowlton, and Philip Philips be cited to appear before this Board on Wednesday the 27th day of September instant to answer the above complaint and that the said Seth Perry be ordered to produce Witnesses in support of the said charge on that day —

Adjourned —

1780 Sept. 19. Met Albany 19th September 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Adrian Bradt, Benjamin Van Etten and William Jackson, having been cited to appear before this Board appeared —

Resolved on consideration of the charges alledged against them respectively that they be committed and that a [227] mittimus be made out directed to the Goaler to take them into

his custody and safely keep them untill discharged by any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies — 1780 Sept. 19.

James Starke having been accused by Seth Perry and others with being a person disaffected to the American cause appeared before the board and requested that he might be permitted to bring Evidences before us to invalidate the said Charge whereupon resolved that the secretary to this Board furnish the said James Starke with citations for such persons as the said James Starke may think necessary to produce to disprove the said Charge —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 20th September 1780 1780 Sept. 20.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

John McDole having been heretofore bound by recognizance appeared this day according to the order of this Board Resolved that he enter into Recognizance of anew with a sufficient surety for his future good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

John McDole of Saragtoga in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
John Mahoney of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Daniel B. Bradt Esqr Supervisor for the District of Hosick in this County Certified to the Board that he had agreeable to the Law for the Removal of Families of Persons who have [228] gone off and joined the Enemy warned the following Weomen to depart the State or remove to such parts of it as

1780 Sept. 20. are in the power of the enemy in twenty days from the time of such Notification (to wit) Rebecca Ruyter, Sarah Cammeron, Catharina Best, Elizabeth Ruyter, Hannah Simpson, Elizabeth Letcher, Ariantie Wies, Maria Young & Susannah Lantman —

A Certificate signed by Daniel B. Bradt, John Randell, and a Number of other Persons residing in Hosick District was laid before the Board wherein they set forth that Susannah Lantman and Maria Young whose Husbands are gone to the enemy and who have been lately notified to leave the State are desirous of remaining at their Habitations —

Resolved on considering the subject of the said Certificate that this Board can in no wise agree to grant Permits to the said Susannah Lantman & Maria Young for the above Purpose —

Adjourned —

1780 Sept. 21. Met Albany 21st September 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer

The Board having received information that William Shanklin formerly an inhabitant of Cherry Valley and now residing in the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck is a person who has always professed Principles Inimical to the American cause and who has at the destruction of Cherry Valley by the Indians assisted the Enemy in plundering and robbing the well affected [229] Inhabitants and the same having been attested to by John Willson and James Scott also formerly residing at Cherry Valley —

It is therefore resolved that the said William Shanklin be forthwith apprehended and confined and that a warrant be made out for that Purpose —

A Letter directed to this [Board] dated 19th instant from Johannis Lawyer and William Dietz Esqrs two of the Justices

of the Peace of this County was read setting forth that Sarah Zimmer of Schohary has agreeable to the Law for the Removal of the Families of persons who have gone over to the Enemy been warned to leave the State or remove to Such parts of it as are in the Power of the enemy and she is desirous of remaining at Home and having always conducted herself in an unexceptionable manner they request that Permission may be granted her for that Purpose — 1780 Sept. 21.

Resolved that the subject of the above Letter be taken into Consideration till to morrow —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 22nd September 1780 1780 Sept. 22.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer

Noah Pain Esqr one of the Justices of the peace for the County of Charlotte appeared before the Board and laid before us several Examinations taken by him respecting Thomas Yarns and others now here confined in Goal which Examination's are in the following words (to wit) (see examinations on file) —

[230] The Board taking into consideration the Letter received from Johannis Lawyer and William Dietz Esqrs respecting Sarah Zimmer do resolve that a Permit be granted to the said Sarah Zimmer to remain at her Habitation —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 23d September 1780 1780 Sept. 23.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer

Resolved that Benjamin Van Etten be discharged from

1780 Sept. 23. Confinement on entering into a recognizance for his future good Behaviour, doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Benjamin Van Etten of the West District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.. £100
Jacob Roseboom of the City of Albany Gentleman his Bail in..... £100

Also resolved that Adrian Bradt be discharged from confinement on entering into a recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Adrian Bradt of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in..... £100
John Radliff of the City of Albany Carpenter his Bail in..... £50
Rykert Van Sante of the same place Carpenter also his Bail in..... £50

[231] Resolved that William Jackson be discharged from Confinement on entering into a recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

William Jackson of New Scotland in the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in..... £100
Mathew Watson of the City of Albany Merchant his Bail in £100

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Dr Thompson made application to the Board to be liberated from confinement on account of the Illness of his wife and the distressed Situation of his Family and he producing an Affidavit of Jacob Power as to the truth of the above —

Resolved on the consideration thereof that the said Thomas Thompson be discharged from his confinement on entering into a recognizance with sufficient sureties for his appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in October next to answer to such charges as shall then and there be alledged against [him] and not to depart the Court without Leave and for his good behaviour in the mean time —

Thomas Thompson of the Manor of Livingston Physician in £500
Coenradt Rosman of the same place Farmer his Bail in £250
John Shuts of the same place Farmer also his Bail in..... £250

Adjourned —

1780 Sept. 24.

[232] Met Albany 24th September 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer

A Letter was laid before the Board dated the 23d Instant signed by Seth Perry, Samuel Hill and other well affected persons setting forth that Numbers of the Torys in New Bethlehem in the Manor of Rensselaerwyck are collecting in the night time and that there is great reason to suppose unless timely prevented they may injure some of the friends to

1780 Sept. 24. the American cause and requesting that a warrant may be granted for the Apprehension of the said persons —

On taking the subject of the above letter into consideration It is resolved that a warrant be made out directed to Seth Perry to apprehend all such disaffected persons as are above complained of and forthwith bring them before us —

Adjourned —

1780 Sept. 25. Met Albany 25th September 1780

Present

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer

The Board having received information that Capt Isaac Lansing is able to give some material information against James Legrange of this City it is therefore ordered that the said Isaac Lansing be requested to attend this Board immediately —

Robert Brisben having been heretofore bound by [233] Recognizance appeared before us according to our order to enter into Recognizance of anew —

Resolved that he enter into the same with a sufficient surety for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Robert Brisben of Saragtoga Farmer in..... £100
Jonathan Pettit of the City of Albany Cordwainer his Bail in £100

Isaac Lansing appearing according to our order was examined and his Examination is in the following words (to wit) (see examination on the file) —

Resolved in consequence of the said Examination as the

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said James Legrange is under the age of Twenty one Years that he procure some person to become surety for his future good Behaviour —

Arie Legrange appearing before the Board and being willing to become surety for James Legrange It is resolved that he enter into a recognizance for the said James Legrange's future good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Arie Legrange of the City of Albany Merchant
as Bail for his son James Legrange in.... £100

Resolved that Philip Herwig be requested immediately to furnish this Board with the Crime of John M^{c}Dorn & that he perticularly ascertain the time when the same was committed —

[234] John Tunnicliff appeared before the Board and requested Permission for himself and John Rawbottom to go to Tryon County for the purpose of seeing his Farm —

Resolved that Permission for that purpose be granted them on Joshua Bloore entering into a Recognizance for their returning within a reasonable Time to this place and behaving themselves during their Absence in a becoming Manner —

Joshua Bloore of the City of Albany Merchant
as surety for John Tunnicliff & John Rawbottom in..... £100

Adjourned —

1780 Sept. 26.

Met Albany 26th September 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Mathew Visscher

1780 Sept. 26. Lieutenant Ephraim Hudson having been cited to appear before the Board in order to his being examined with respect to sundry persons living at New Scotland appeared and being examined says —

That William Jackson is a person of weight & Influence in the part where he lives that he is certain that the Expresses from the Enemy which pass up & down the Country lodge at his House, that John Burnsides is a Tory and that the Party that robbed Lieu[t] Leonard went from Burnsides House — (See Examination on file) —

John Herrington and Ephraim Knowlton having been apprehended in consequence of a warrant issued on the 24[th] instant was brought before the Board —

[235] Resolved that they be confined and that a Mittimus be made out to the Goaler to take them into his Custody —

Adjourned —

1780 Sept. 27. Met Albany 27[th] September 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Mathew Visscher

The Board proceeded to the Examination of the Charge of disaffection to the American cause Exhibited by Seth Perry against James Starks, Ephraim Knowlton & Philip Philips and in support of the said charge the following persons were examined as witnesses (to wit) Benjamin Valentine, M[rs] Skinner, Sarah Barnum, Mary Knowlton, Samuel Hill, M[rs] Beagle, Elizabeth Barnum, Jabez Landers and John Lawrence their Examinations are as follows (to wit) (see Examinations of file)

In order to invalidate the charge above alledged the said James Starks requested that the following persons might

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be examined (to wit) Isaac Lawrence, Richard Lawrence, Mine Lawrence, William Barnum, Jacob Herrington, Lena Herrington, Robert Patrick, Nathaniel Culver, John Salsbury, Dirck Sluyter, & Henry Salsbury which Examination's are in the following words (to wit) (See examination's on the File)

Resolved that the consideration of the above Examinations be postponed till to Morrow Morning —

Resolved that a letter be wrote to his Excellency Governor Clinton inclosing a copy of the Letter received from [236] John D. Goes which Letter is in the following words (to wit) (See Letter on the file)[1]

Adjourned —

1780 Sept. 28.

Met Albany 28th September 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Mathew Visscher

As no Particular charge has yet been exhibited against John Herrington therefore resolved that he be discharged from Confinement —

The Board having resumed the consideration of the Examinations Yesterday taken and the charge of disaffection against James Starke appearing to be well founded it is resolved that he enter into Recognizance with sufficient sureties to remain within the Limits of Kings District and not depart the same without leave obtained for that purpose from any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies (unless it be to do Militia duty) and for his good Behaviour and appearance before any of the said Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

[1] In *George Clinton Papers*, no. 3242, and the letter of Goes, no. 3194, archives of New York State Library.

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James Starke of Kings District Labourer in... £100
Nathaniel Culver of the same place Esq[r] his Bail in..... £ 50
John Salsbury of the same place Farmer also his Bail in..... £ 50

Adjourned —

1780 Oct. 2.

Met Albany 2[nd] October 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Isaac D. Fonda

[237] Samuel Perry of Palmerton having been cited to appear before the Board to enter into a new Recognizance appeared for that purpose with a sufficient surety resolved that he enter into the same for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Samuel Perry of Palmertown in the District of Saragtoga Farmer in..... £100
Rowland Perry of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

John Perry having also been cited to appear before the Board to enter into a new Recognizance appearing resolved that he enter into the same for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

John Perry of Palmertown in Saragtoga District Farmer in..... £100
Rowland Perry of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

Met Albany 3d October 1780 — 1780 Oct. 3.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer
Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda

Mathias Rose having been cited to appear before this Board to enter into a new Recognizance appeared for that Purpose with a sufficient surety —

Resolved that he enter into the same for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the [238] Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Mathias Rose of Saragtoga District Labourer in..... £100
Freeman Barligh of the same [place] Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

Met Albany 4th October 1780 — 1780 Oct. 4.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer
Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher

A Petition of Ephraim Knowlton was laid before the Board whereby he request's to be released from Confinement and the same being taken into Consideration —

Resolved that he be released accordingly on entering into a recognizance for his good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain and also for his appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held on the third Tuesday in October Instant at the City Hall in this

1780 Oct. 4. City (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State of New York) and not depart the Court without Leave —

Ephraim Knowlton of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.. £100
Thomas Knowlton of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100
Robert Patrick of the same place Farmer also his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1780 Oct. 5. [239] Met Albany 5th October 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Jeremiah Van Rensselaer

It appearing from the Examination of James Halstead that James Drummond of Nistageune has harboured and secreted Emissaries from the Enemy and has from the Commencement of the present Contest been esteemed as a person disaffected to the American cause —

It is therefore resolved that a citation be made out directed to the said James Drummond to appear before this Board on Saturday the seventh day of October instant to answer the above complaint —

It having been suggested to us that Philip Van Rensselaer Esqr has received a Letter from Coll Richard Varick (who was Aid De Camp to General Arnold at the time he went off to New York) which contains Expressions which would tend to discover some of the persons concerned with Arnold in his Villianous Plot —

It is therefore resolved that the said Philip Van Rens-

selaer be requested to attend this Board with the said Letter as soon as conveniently may be — 1780 Oct. 5.

John Tunnicliff to whom a pass was granted by this Board to go to Tryon County appeared and requested that Joshua Bloore who became surety for his Return to this City might be discharged from the Recognizance entered into for him resolved that the said Joshua Bloore be discharged accordingly —

Adjourned —

[240] Met Albany 6th October 1780 1780 Oct. 6.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda

The Board having received information that Hans Peter Snyder living on Fishkill at Saragtoga has and still keeps up a Correspondence with the enemy and harbours persons passing through the Country who are coming from the enemy —

It is therefore resolved that a warrant be made out for the immediate apprehension of the said Hans Peter Snyder and that the said warrant be inclosed in a Letter to Col[l] Cornelius Van Veghten and that he be requested to have the same served —

Abraham Hooghteling who was some time ago confined for having been with Brant and his Party and who broke Goal having been again apprehended was brought before the Board resolved that he be committed —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 7th October 1780 1780 Oct. 7.

Present

Mathew Visscher, John M. Beeckman } Isaa[c] D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer

1780 Oct. 7. Nicholas Lake having been heretofore cited to appear before the Board appeared before us this day to enter into a new Recognizance resolved that he enter into the same with a sufficient surety and that he be bound for his good Behaviour, doing his duty, and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies whenever called [241] upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Nicholas Lake of Cinkaick in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Abraham Schuyler of the City of Albany Merchant his Bail in £100

A Return signed by John Younglove Esq[r] was laid before us wherein he specifies that he has agreeable to An Act of the Legislature for the Removal of the Families of Persons who have joined [the] enemy ordered the following persons to depart this State or remove to such parts of it as are in the power of the Enemy, (to wit) Elizabeth Hogle the wife of John Hogle, Jane Hogle wife of Francis Hogle and three Children of Simeon Covell ordered that the said return be filed —

Elizabeth Hogle one of the weomen named in the above return made by John Younglove Esq[r] appeared before the Board and requested Permission to remain at her Habitation assigning as a reason that her Husband was killed at the Battle of Bennington and the same being certified to us by sundry well affected inhabitants of this County and that the said Elizabeth Hogle has since the going away of her Husband behaved herself in a becoming manner —

It is therefore resolved that a permit be granted to the said Elizabeth Hogle for the above purpose —

Resolved that Henry Van Corlaer who was heretofore bound in a recognizance for his good Behaviour and appear-

ance before this Board when called be cited to appear forthwith with a suffi- [242] cient surety to enter into Recognizance of anew — 1780 Oct. 7.

A Return signed by John Bebee Esq[r] one of the Justices of the peace for this County was laid before the Board wherein he specifies that agreeable to an Act of the Legislature of this State entitled an Act for the Removal of the Families of Persons who have joined the enemy he has warned the following persons to depart this State or remove to such parts of it as are in the power of the Enemy, (to wit) Jerusha Ingram wife of Benjamin Ingram Jun[r], Mary M[c] Carty wife of Duncan M[c] Carty, Lucretia Woodward wife of David Woodward & Abigail Woodward wife of Josiah Woodward –

Lucretia Woodward and Jerush[a] Ingraham two of the women named in the above return appeared before the Board and requested Permission to remain at their Habitations and produced to the Board Certificates from sundry of the well affected Inhabitants of this County of their good Character and that their remaining in the Country will not be detrimental to the Freedom & independence of this and the United States in consequence of which Certificates and recommendations —

It is resolved that a permit be granted to the said Lucretia Woodward and Jerusha Ingraham —

John Tunnicliff appeared before the Board and requested Permission to go to Tryon County in Search of some Horses and other Effects that were unjustly taken from him and converted to the Private use of several Individuals in the said County —

Resolved that agreeable to the said request [243] the said John Tunnicliff have Permission granted him to go to Tryon County in search of the said Horses and Effects —

Captain Jarvis Mudge appeared before the Board & re-

1780 Oct. 7. quested that his son in Law David Darrow now here confined in Goal may be liberated from his confinement on account of the Illness of his wife —

Resolved in consequence of the said Application that the said David Darrow have Permission to go and see his wife on his entering into a Recognizance for his Surrendering himself up to this Board as a prisoner on or before the 28th Instant and for his good and peaceable Behaviour during that time —

David Darrow of New Lebanon Kings District Farmer in..... £100
Jarvis Mudge of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1780 Oct. 8. Met Albany 8th October 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } Samuel Stringer

John Drummond having been adjudged a person of a Suspicious Character and dangerous to the safety of the State and being [*sic*] in consequence thereof been ordered to appear before this Board and he appearing this day and being charged with the above and denying the same but at the same time professing his principles in Favour of the Crown of Great Britain and declaring his intention of not taking up Arms in Defence of the American Cause —

Therefore resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

[244] Cornelius Viele appeared and requested that the above mentioned John Drummond might on account of the distressed situation of his Family be permitted to go Home

for a few days and the said Cornelius Viele being an approved friend to the Country — 1780 Oct. 8.

Therefore resolved that his Request be complied with and that the said John Drummond have Permission to return home and surrendering himself as a Prisoner to this Board on or before the 11th instant and in the mean time be of the good Behaviour —

John Drummond of Nistageune in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Cornelius Viele of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

Adjourned —

Met Albany 9th October 1780 — 1780 Oct. 9.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher

Isabel Clark of Cooksborough appeared before the Board and laid before us a Certificate signed by Lieut Jacob Halenbeeck and a number of other well affected Inhabitants of this County setting forth that the said Isabel Clark has received an order from a Justice of the Peace to depart the State or remove to such parts of it as are in the Power of the Enemy in consequence of her Husband's having gone off to the Enemy and they further Certify that the said Isabel Clark has always behaved herself in a peaceable and quiet Manner and that they do not conceive that her [245] remaining in the Country will in any wise prove dangerous or detrimental to the Freedom and Independance of this and the United States—

It is therefore resolved that a Permit be made out for the said Isabel Clark to remain at her Habitation unmolested —

Adjourned —

1780
Oct. 10. Met Albany 10th October 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer

Peter Smith of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck appeared before the Board and informed us that he had received in Payment from Melchert File three fifty Dollar Bills Continental Money which on being inspected were found counterfeit and it appearing probable to this Board that the said Counterfeit money is circulated through the State by some of the disaffected Inhabitants with a view of embarrassing the public Operations and it being highly necessary that an Enquiry should be made into the same therefore resolved in Consequence of the said Information that the said Peter Smith be bound in a Recognizance to appear at the next Supream Court to be held on the third Tuesday in October Instant to give Evidence with Respect to the said Counterfeit Bills —

Peter Smith of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in £100

Philip Coenradt having also received Counterfeit Bills from the said Melchert File —

Resolved that he also enter into a Recognizance [246] to appear at the next Supream Court to give Evidence against the said Melchert File —

Philip Coenradt of the East District of Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in..... £100

Resolved in Consequence of the above information of Peter Smith and Philip Coenradt that Melchert File be ordered to attend this Board on Tuesday the 17th Day of October Instant —

The Board having received Information that Ryneir

Vischer of this City has received in Payment Counterfeit Continental Money and he having been sent for and appearing with the said Money and informed us he had received the same from Isacher Childs — 1780 Oct. 10.

Isacher Childs being sent for and examined with Respect to the said Counterfeit Money says that he received the same from a certain Johnson —

Johnson being sent for and not being able to inform us where he received the same resolved that he be informed that this Board do insist on knowing where and from whom he received the same —

Application was made to this Board for a Permit to Mrs Edgar to go to Canada —

Resolved that Mrs Edgar be informed that this Board are not authorized to grant Permits for that purpose —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 11th October 1780 — 1780 Oct. 11.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } Isaac D. Fonda

[247] Application was made to the Board by Major Reed for a Permit for Doctor George Smith to go With his Family to Canada —

Resolved that Major Reed be informed that this Board are not vested with a power to grant Permits of that nature but that we have no Objections to Dr Smith's going provided he can obtain his Excellency the Governor's Permission —[1]

[1] The Albany board advised Dr. Smith or Smyth, in a letter of this date that it had no objection to his obtaining a pass to Canada, provided it was allowed by Colonel W. Malcolm, commanding the northern department, and Malcolm actually gave the pass on the 13th The minutes of October 17 and 18 show that the board vitiated this pass and put Smith under a recognizance and bail, limiting him " to remain within the Limits of his dwelling

1780 Oct. 11. A Petition signed by Wilhelmas Van Antwerp Esq[r] Justice of the peace and a number of other well affected Inhabitants of Nistageune was laid before the Board, setting forth that Margaret M[c]Culpin in Consequence of her Husband's having gone off to the Enemy has been ordered to depart this State or remove to such Parts of it as are in the Power of the Enemy and praying (on Account of the unexceptionable Character of the said Margaret M[c]Culpin) that she may be permitted to remain at he[r] Habitation unmolested —

Resolved in Consequence of the above Petition that a Permit be granted to the said Margaret M[c]Culpin for the purpose above mentioned —

Abraham Hoogteling at present in Confinement was ordered to be brought before the Board and examined & then recommitted —

Adjourned —

1780 Oct. 14. Met Albany 14[th] October 1780—

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } Samuel Stringer

John Kluck having been confined for being disaffected to the American cause and deemed dangerous to the [248] safety of the safety[1] [state] was brought before the Board and we judging his Confinement to have been sufficiently long and he offering good Bail for his future good Conduct —

House and Yard and not to depart the same". On October 26, Smith appealed to Governor Clinton, stated his plight and averred that the change of base must have been inspired by some private enemy of his in the board.— *George Clinton Papers*, nos. 3263, 3311, archives of New York State Library.

[1] Error in the original manuscript.

1780 Oct. 14.

Therefore resolved that he be liberated from Confinement on his entering into Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

John Kluck of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Potter in..... £100
John Horn of the same place Butcher his Bail in..... £100

Cap[t] John Decker Robison having been ordered to deliver up John Smith to this Board agreeable to the Tenor of his Recognizance appeared with the said John Smith resolved that as the said Smith is indicted for a Robbery committed at Frederick Berringer's that he be committed in order that he may be tried —

Adjourned —

1780 Oct. 15.

Met Albany 15[th] October 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } Isaac D. Fonda

Whereas this Board has received Information that Col[l] Malcolm the Commanding Officer in this place has granted Permission to D[r] George Smith with his Family and M[rs] Edgar to go to Canada and the present time being adjudged very improper by this Board to permit the said persons to go on account of the Enemy's being on the Frontiers —

It is therefore resolved that it be recommended to [249] Col[l] Malcolm to detain the said Doctor Smith and M[rs] Edgar untill their going can be no way Prejudicial —

Adjourned —

1780
Oct. 16. Met Albany 16th October 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda—

Resolved that Susannah Parie, John Barney and Nancy Thompson who this Board has been informed are able to prove several charges alledged against Angus Mc Donald and Dr Thomas Thompson be severally cited to appear before us forthwith that they may be examined —

John Van Valkenburgh who lately left the Enemy at New York and who is at present an Kinderhook being able to give some very material information respecting sundry inhabitants of this County now with the Enemy whereby the Grand Jury will be able to proceed against them agreeable to the Confiscation Law it is therefore resolved that he be cited to appear at the next Supream Court to be held on the third Tuesday in October instant —

Christian Smith of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck being able to prove that John Smith was concerned in the Robbery committed on Frederick Berringer it is therefore resolved that he be cited also to appear at the next Supream Court —

The Board having received information from Catharine Burlingham that Alexander Keerklaer of New Scotland has harboured and concealed Joseph Bettis an Emissary from the [250] Enemy resolved in Consequence of the said Information that the said Alexander Kerklaer be ordered forthwith to appear before us to answer the above charge —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 17th October 1780. 1780 Oct. 17.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda

A Letter from Doctor George Smith was laid before the Board wherein he informs us that he has thought proper to remove from this place to Fort Edward and the said Doctor Smith having received express orders from this Board on no pretence to leave the City —[1]

It is therefore resolved that a warrant be made out directed to John Tillman Junr for the Apprehension of the said Dr Smith and his son Terence Smith —

Israel Smith of Brattleborough in the County of Cumberland laid before the Board a Letter from Coll Eleazer Patterson directed to his Excellency Governor Clinton by whom the said Letter was referred to this Board which Letter is in the words following (to wit) (See letter on File)

It appearing from the Contents of the above Letter and also from the Information of the said Israel Smith that Timothy Church, Comfort Joy and Jonathan Mills Church have held a Correspondence and kept up an Intercourse with a certain Oliver Church now an Officer in the British Army —

It is therefore resolved that a warrant be made out for the immediate apprehension of the said Timothy [251] Church, Comfort Joy and Jonathan Mills Church and that the said warrant be inclosed in a Letter to Coll Paterson —

Resolved also that a citation be made out to Lieutenant Joathan Church to appear before the Board forthwith in order that he may be examined as to the above —

Adjourned —

[1] *Cf.* the note under October 11th

1780
Oct. 18. Met Albany 18th October 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda

Col! Henry K. Van Rensselaer appeared before the Board and informed that Nicholas Williams of the Eas[t] District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck has lately entertained in his house his son who was on his way from New York to Canada as an Express —

Resolved in Consequence of the above Information that a warrant be made out for the Apprehension of the said Nicholas Williams and that Col! Rensselaer be requested to procure a person to serve the same —

There being the greatest reason to suspect from D! Smith's present conduct that he is endeavoring to mislead the minds of weak and ignorant People it is therefore resolved that he be sent for —

Doctor Smith appearing and being examined resolved in order to prevent such Conduct in future that he enter into Recognizance to remain within the Limits of his dwelling House and Yard and not depart the same and that he do not hold any Correspondence either by word or Deed upon [252] Political Matters with any Person or Persons inimical to the American cause which may tend to the Prejudice of this or the United States of America, and appear before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon that he shall remain under these Restrictions during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain unless sooner discharged —

George Smith of the City of Albany Physician in £300

Thomas Reed of the same place Gentleman his Bail in..... £300

Adjourned

Met Albany 19th October 1780 — 1780 Oct. 19.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda

The Board having received information that the Reverend Samuel Swertfeger does frequently go to the Hellebergh under a Pretence of preaching the Gospel but in fact to inculcate Doctrines tending to disaffect the minds of well disposed Persons and he being at present in this City it is therefore resolved that he be sent for —

The said Samuel Swertfeger appearing it is resolved that he enter into Recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good behaviour and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required & that he do not depart the Limits of the District in which he at present resides unless it be to preach the Gospel to the different Congregations in whose Employ he at present is and that he do not mislead the minds of his Heerors by inculcating Principles inconsistant with the Freedom and Independ- [253] ance of this and the United States —

Samuel Swertfeger of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Clerk..... £100
William Zoble of the City of Albany Tobaconist his Bail in £100

A Letter from Major Dickison at Stillwater dated the 18th Instant was laid before the Board wherein he informs us that he has apprehended and sends to us under Guard a certain Person who calls himself John Mc Mullin who he suspects to be a spy from the Enemy, and the said John Mc-Mullin being brought before the Board and examined thereupon resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

1780 Oct. 19. The above mentioned John Mc Mullin having in the Course of his Examination mentioned the Names of several Persons at whose houses he was secreted and harboured on his way into the Country and among others Patrick Ryan of the Green Island in the Manor of Rensselaerwyck therefore resolved that a warrant be made out for the immediate apprehension of the said Patrick Ryan.

Resolved that a Letter be wrote to General Schuyler at Saragtoga informing him of the Purport of Mc Mullins Examination —

Adjourned —

1780 Oct. 20. Met Albany 20th October 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda

Patrick Ryan for whose apprehension a warrant [254] was Yesterday made out was brought before the Board on being examined he denies having seen John Mc Mullen at his house —

Whereupon ordered that the said John Mc Mullen be brought before us —

The said John Mc Mullen being interrogated as to the charge by him alledged against the said Patrick Ryan confesses that the said Patrick Ryan was not at Home during the time he was in his house whereupon resolved that the said Patrick Ryan be discharged and that the said Mc Mullen be recommitted —

The Board having received information that a certain James Ayres at present in this City is endeavouring at this Time to dissuade Persons who are on their way to repel the Incursions of the Enemy to throw down their Arms which

dangerous and distructive Principles having a Tendency to subvert the Constitution of the State and the said James Ayres being adjudged in the Opinion of this Board dangerous to the safety and wellfare of the State 1780 Oct. 20.

Therefore resolved that he be apprehended forthwith and confined —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 21st October 1780 1780 Oct. 21.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

The Board having received information that there is at present in this City a certain Person whose conduct and Conversation renders him very suspicious therefore [255] resolved that Jacob Kidney the Door Keeper be ordered to bring the said Person forthwith before the Board.

Jacob Kidney having agreeable to order apprehended the above mentioned person and brought him before us On being examined he says that his Names [*sic*] is James Small and that he is resident in Cambridge District resolved that he be confined untill he produces a Certificate of his Character —

Thomas Bourn a Deserter from Burgoyne's Army and William Allen of New Concord in Kings District having been apprehended as appearing to be of Suspicious Characters and being examined and giving a satisfactory Account of themselves therefore resolved that they be discharged —

Received a Letter from Peter Cantine Esqr wherein he informs us that he sends under Guard Hendrick Blunt, Hendrick Bonistel, and Petrus Bonistel who are Persons that are disaffected to the American Cause and whose going

1780 Oct. 21. at large at this time may be dangerous to the State resolved in consequence of the above Letter that they be severally confined and that a Mittimus be made out for them —

Adjourned —

1780 Oct. 22. Met Albany 22nd October 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher } { Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Isaac D. Fonda

A Letter from the Honorable Major General [256] Schuyler was laid before the Board wherein he informs us that he sends under Guard Hans Peter Snyder and James Brisben Inhabitants of Saragtoga District for Harbouring concealing and forwarding into the Country Spy's sent from the Enemy, and also James Van Driesen who has come from the Enemy in the Character of a Spy. resolved that they be severally committed and that a Mittimus for that purpose be made out —

Thomas Griffiths and Robert Reynolds two of Sir John Johnson's party were brought before the Board on being Examined they say they are Deserters from the Enemy resolved that they be detained untill the Board are better satisfied as to their Characters —

Adjourned —

1780 Oct. 23. Met Albany 23d October 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Samuel Stringer

A Letter from the Reverend Valentine Rathburn respecting a Number of Persons from New Lebanon at present

confined in Goal was laid before the Board which Letter is in the words following (to wit) (see Letter on file) resolved that the Consideration thereof be postponed till a future day — 1780 Oct. 23.

Thomas Griffiths and Robert Reynolds who were Yesterday examined were again brought before the Board and examined, their Examination's are in the words following (to wit) (see Examinations on file)

James Van Driesen was Also brought before the [257] Board and examined, his Examination is in the words following (to wit) (see Examination on file)

Hans Peter Snyder was also brought before the Board and examined and then ordered to be recommitted

Adjourned —

Met Albany 24th October 1780 1780 Oct. 24.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

A Negro Man having been sent to Goal by General Schuyler who was apprehended on his way to the Enemy was this day at the request of his Master brought before the Board and being examined says he was persuaded to go off by a certain Man Whose name is Shepherd who is one of the people called Shaking Quakers —

Resolved that the said Negro Man be discharged —

Capt Jacob Van Aernam appeared before the Board and informed us that he had apprehended at the Hellebergh a certain Jacob Schell formerly an Inhabitant of that place but at present a Soldier in Sir John Johnson's Regiment and the said Jacob Schell being examined says that he received Directions from Sir John at the time he left him to inform

1780 Oct. 24. the inhabitants of the Country that those who did not take up Arms would not be molested in their Persons or Property by the Kings Troops — resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him

Adjourned —

1780 Oct. 25. [258] Met Albany 25th October 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

At the request of Col! Paine the Board having met proceeded to the Examination of John Mc Mullen his Examination is in the following words (to wit) (see his Examination on File) ordered that he be recommitted —

Jacob Schell and James Van Driesen were also brought before the Board and examined and ordered to be recommitted —

Adjourned —

1780 Oct. 27. Met Albany 27th October 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

Christian Frihart belonging to Sir John Johnson's Party was brought before the Board and being examined says as follows (to wit) (see Examination on file)

Benjamin Benton also belonging to Sir John's Corps having been taken Prisoner and brought before the Board was also examined his examination is in the words following (to wit) (see Examination on File) —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 28th October 1780 — 1780 Oct. 28.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Isaac D. Fonda

[259] Zepheniah Batchelor Esqr appeared before the Board with Peter Jost an Inhabitant of Johnstown in Tryon County who he informed us had gone to Sir John at the Destruction of Caughnawaga and the said Peter Jost being examined denies the above Charge and Offers to swear that he was taken a Prisoner and says he is able to prove the same by several creditable Persons and it appearing to us from sundry Circumstances that what has been alledged by the said Peter Jost is true

Therefore resolved that he be discharged —

Major Newkerk of Tryon County appeared before the Board and informed us that among the Prisoners who are ordered down to Fishkill there is a certain [*blank*] who has always behaved himself as a peaceable subject of this State & has been reputed a Friend to the American Cause that he was last spring taken Prisoner by the Enemy and joined Sir John for no other Purpose than that he might have an Oppertunity of making his Escape, resolved therefore that Colo Malcolm be requested to detain him —

Adjourned

Met Albany 29th October 1780 — 1780 Oct. 29.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Samuel Stringer

A Letter was laid before the Board from the Honble Major General Schuyler wherein he informs us that he sends to us under Guard two Prisoners named William Vrooman

1780 Oct. 29. and Henry Tinkey — That the said William Vrooman has aided comforted and assisted a certain James Van [260] Driesen a spy from the Enemy and that the said Henry Tinkey has harboured and assisted John Mc Mullen also a spy from the Enemy —

Resolved that they be severally committed and that a Mittimus be made out for them —

In the above mentioned Letter of General Schuyler mention is also made of a Number of Tory woemen who are at present at Saragtoga and who are desirous of going to Canada resolved that his Excellency the Governor be informed of the same by one of the Members of this Board and that the necessity of their departure be pointed to him —

Adjourned

1780 Oct. 30. Met Albany 30th October 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer

A Letter from Col. Macolm dated at Schenectady was laid before the Board wherein he informs that he sends to us under Guard two prisoners named Isaac Aerse and Adam Hoofer who were of Sir John Johnson's Party at the time of his destroying the Settlement of Schohary — resolved that they be Examined —

The said Isaac Aerse and Adam Hoofer being examined say as follows — (See their Examination on file) — ordered that they be confined and that a Mittimus be made out for them —

Capt Blackley appeared before the Board and informed us that agreeable to a warrant from this Board [261] (transmitted to Col. Patterson on the 17th Instant) he had apprehended Capt Timothy Church and Jonathan Mills Church

resolved that they be [brought] before [the] Board and severally Examined — 1780 Oct. 30.

Capt Timothy Church and Jonathan Mills Church being examined say as follows (see their Examinations on File) —

Lieut Jonathan Church who was cited to appear this Day before us as a Witness against the said Timothy Church & Jonathan Mills Church appeared and was examined (see his Examination on file) —

Resolved on Consideration of the above Examinations that Jonathan Mills Church be discharged and that Timothy Church be discharged on entering into a Recognizance for his Appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon and for his good Behaviour and doing his duty during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Timothy Church of Brattleborough in the County of Cumberland Farmer in..... £300
Benjamin Butterfield of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £200

Adjourned —

Met Albany 31st October 1780— 1780 Oct. 31.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer } Samuel Stringer

Resolved that David Fairchilds be liberated from his present Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required [262] during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

1780 Oct. 31. David Fairchilds of Ballstown in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Mathew Fairchilds of the same place Taylor his Bail in..... £100

John Leslie a Deserter from Sir John Johnson's Party appeared before us and being examined and requesting Permission to go to his Excellency the Governor resolved that he have the same granted him —

Adjourned

1780 Nov. 6. Met Albany 6th November 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Hugh McManus of Tryon County Constable appeared before the Board with Albert Van Der Werken as a Prisoner which said Van Der Werken he informs us he had apprehended by order of Zepheniah Batchelor Esqr and some of the other Justices of Tryon County and the said Albert Van Der Werken being examined says that he last Spring went off to Canada with Robert Snell that afterwards repenting of what he had done he returned with an Intention of throwing himself upon the Mercy of the Country —

Resolved that the said Albert Van Der Werken be ordered to attend this Board to Morrow Morning and that he be informed in the mean time his case will be taken into Consideration —

William Hoofer being brought before the Board [263] was examined and then ordered to be recommitted —

Zepheniah Batchelor Esqr laid before the Board a return of a Number of woemen whose Husbands are gone off to the Enemy and who he has warned agreeable to the Act of the Legislature of this State for the Removal of the Families

of Persons who have gone over to and joined the Enemy Ordered that the said return be filed — 1780 Nov. 6.

A Letter from the Commissioners for Conspiracies at Poughkeepsie dated the 3d Instant was laid before the Board wherein the[y] inform us that they send to us a certain William Laird an Inhabitant of Tryon County who says he was taken Prisoner last spring by the Enemy and that he has in Sir John's late Expedition made his escape from them resolved that he be ordered to attend this Board to Morrow Morning —

A Letter from Doctor George Smith[1] was laid before the Board wherein he sets forth the distressed Situation of his Family by means of his being confined to his house and the same being taken into Consideration resolved that he enter into a Recognizance to remain within the Limits of this City untill this Board shall think proper to discharge him from these Restrictions and that he shall not hold Correspondence upon Political Matters during that Time which may in any manner be prejudicial to the United States —

George Smith of the City of Albany, Physician in..... £500
Thomas Reed of the same Place Esqr his Bail in..... £500

Adjourned

[264] Met Albany 7th November 1780 1780 Nov. 7.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer } Isaac D. Fonda

Albert Van Der Werken who was Yesterday before the Board and was ordered to attend again this day appeared

[1] See note under date of October 11th.

1780 Nov. 7. agreeable to order and prayed that Peter Sietz and Mr Cannon who have been Prisoners in Canada and were lately exchanged might be examined and the said Persons being Examined say while they were in Canada they saw Albert Van Der Werken there and that he acted as a Bar Keeper in a Tavern and they could not learn that he had taken up Arms in the Enemies service —

Resolved in Consequence of the above information that the said Albert Van Der Werken be permitted to go at large on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Albert Van Der Werken of Johns Town in Tryon County Farmer in..... £200
Jacob Van Der Werken of the Sant Vlacte in the County of Tryon Farmer his Bail.... £200

Johan Jost Warner having been bound for his Appearance at the Supream Court held in this City on the third Tuesday in October last and there having been no Grand Jury in that time —

Therefore resolved that the said Johan Jost Warner enter [265] into Recognizance of anew for his Appearance at the next Supream Court to be held at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in January next and not depart the Court without Leave —

Johan Jost Warner of Schohary Farmer in.. £100

Resolved that the said Johan Jost Warner also enter into a Recognizance for the appearance of his wife Margaret Warner at the next Supream Court —

Johan Jost Warner Bail for his wife Margaret Warner in..... £50

1780 Nov. 7.

William Laird appearing agreeable to the Order of Yesterday resolved that he enter into Recognizance for his Appearance before Zepheniah Batchelor Esq[r] of Tryon County with a sufficient surety to enter into Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

William Laird of Kingsborough in Tryon County Farmer in..... £100
Jacob Van Der Werken of the Sant Vlacte in Tryon County Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1780 Nov. 8.

Met Albany 8[th] November 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer } { Isaac D. Fonda

William Loucks appeared before the Board agreeable to our order and being examined says as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File)

Information having been received from M[rs] [266] Campbell who lately was exchanged and came from Canada that John Docksteder of Tryon County did last Spring take into his House a wounded Soldier of Sir John Johnson's Party and that he did after the said Soldier was recovered for some time keep him in his House in woman's Cloath's untill he made his Escape to Canada — It is in Consequence thereof resolved that a warrant be made out for the said John Dockstader and transmitted to Zepheniah Batchelor Esq[r] to have the same served as soon as possible —

Adjourned —

1780 Nov. 9. Met Albany 9th November 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Resolved that William Shanklin be liberated from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

William Shanklin of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Labourer in... £100

Andrew Shanklin of the City of Albany Labourer Bail in..... £100

Col! Anthony Van Bergen appeared before the Board and informed us that a Number of disaffected Persons have of late associated back of Cooksakie under a Pretence of Religious worship but that he is well persuaded from the Political Chara[c]ters of the said persons and other Circumstances [267] that such meetings are only held to Deliberate upon such Matters as may tend to injure the American Cause to prevent which in future

It is resolved that a warrant be made out and delivered to Col! Van Bergen for the Apprehension of the persons above described and that he be requested to have the same served as soon as possible —

Abraham Hooghteling was brought before us and examined on his Examination he says that a Number of persons have been lately enlisted by Jacob Halenbeeck at Niscuthaw and places adjacent and that their Intention is early in the spring to Join the Enemy which Examination is in the words following (to wit) (See Examination on file)

Adjourned —

Met Albany 10th November 1780 1780 Nov. 10.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D Fonda, Samuel Stringer

The Board taking into Consideration the Examination of Abraham Hooghteling who was examined Yesterday Resolved in Consequence thereof that the Honble Brigadier Genl Ten Broeck be requested to order a party of the Cooksakie Militia now in this City to go and apprehend all such Persons as are mentioned in the Examination of the said Abraham Hooghteling —

General Ten Broeck having appointed Lieut Rykert Van Den Bergh with a Party of Col Van Bergens Regiment to go and apprehend the said Persons — Resolved that Instructions be made for him which Instructions are in the words following (to wit) (See instructions on File)

[268] It appearing also from Hoogteling's Examination that a Number of Persons in Livingston's Manor are concerned in the Enlistment mentioned in the said Examination therefore resolved that General Ten Broeck be also requested to detach a Party of that Quarter for the Apprehension of all such Persons and that Instructions be made out to the Officer who is to command the said party which Instructions are in the following words (to wit) (see Copy Instructions on File)

The Board having received information that John Waltymier who frequently passes thro the Country as an Express from the enemy crosses Hudsons River at Hendrick Claws who lives near the Kinderhook Landing an[d] that said Claw harbours Waltymier It is therefore resolved that a Letter be wrote to Col Abraham Van Alstyne requesting

1780 Nov. 10. him to have the said Hendrick Clâuw apprehended and brought before us —

Lieu^{t} Rykert Van Den Bergh having in Consequence of our warrant apprehended Jacob Halenbeeck Jun^{r} and he being brought before the Board and examined resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Resolved that General Ten Broeck be requested to detach a Party of Col^{l} Van Ness's Regiment to go to Coyemans and there to take Charge of and bring to Goal such Prisoners as may be delivered over to him by Lieu^{t} Van Den Bergh —

Alexander Bryant of the Half Moon [269] was brought before us by Col^{l} Schoonhoven in order that he might be examined as to sundry disaffected Persons and the said Bryant being examined his Examination is as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File)

Adjourned —

1780 Nov. 11. Met Albany 11th November 1780

Present

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

Abraham Hoogteling was ordered to be brought before the Board & being again Examined ordered that he be recommitted —

Cap^{t} Cornelius Hogeboom appeared before the Board and informed that he had agreeable to the Directions received from us proceeded to Coyemans where he had received of Lieu^{t} Van Den Bergh the following persons as Prisoners (to wit) John Witbeeck, Nicholas Huyck, Johannis Huyck Jun^{r}, Peter Huyck, David Van Dyck, William Hoogteling,

Johannis Witbeeck, Henry Huyck, Joachim Collyer, John Schram, John Ver Plank, Peter Finehout, and William Plato — resolved that they be severally committed and that a Mittimus be made out for them — 1780 Nov. 11.

William Plato one of the persons above mentioned was ordered to be brought before us for Examination on being Examined he says as follows (to wit) (See his Examination on File) —

It appearing from the Examination of James Van Driesen that Archibald M^{c}Neal and Ezekiel Ensign of [270] Saragtoga Jo[t]ham Bemus of Stillwater and some others have carried on a Correspondence with the Enemy and have aided comforted and assisted Parties going to and coming from the enemy It is resolved in Consequence of the said Information that a warrant be made out for the immediate apprehension of the said Persons and that the same be forthwith transmitted to General Schuyler now at Saragtoga —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 12th November 1780 1780 Nov. 12.

Present

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

Lieu^{t} Van Den Bergh appeared before the Board and informed us that he had agreeable to our warrant apprehended John Coenly, Lowrence Deal and Beriah Kelly and they being severally produced and Examined resolved that they be committed and that a Mittimus be made out directed to the Goaler to take them into his Custody and detain them until discharged by an order of this Board —

Adjourned

1780
Nov. 13. Met Albany 13th November 1780 —

Present

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

Captain Bleecker of Col! Gansevoort's Regiment appeared before the Board and informed us that he had agreeable to a warrant of this Board delivered to him by Gen! Schuyler apprehended Archibald M!Neal, Ezekiel Ensign [271] Jotham Bemus and Joseph Carr and they being severally brought in & Examined resolved that they be committed and that a Mittimus be made out to the Sheriff to take them into his Custody and safely keep until discharged by this Board.

Lowrence Deal and John Coenly who were Yesterday confined were ordered to be brought before the Board and examined their Examinations are as follows (to wit) (see Examination on file) ordered that they be recommitted —

Adjourned —

1780
Nov. 14. Met Albany 14th November 1780

Present

Mathew Visscher, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

Peter Finehout was brought before the Board and examined his Examination is as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File)

The Board having been informed that Hoogteling and Lena Hoogteling residing at Aquatuck will be able to give Information respecting the Persons apprehended in that Quarter and who are at present in Confinement therefore resolved that they be severally cited to appear before us to Morrow Morning at 10 OClock —

Cap! Coenradt Klyne appeared before the Board &

informed that agreeable to an order of this Board he had apprehended Henry Smith Junr, Henry Bonestel, James McCoy, John Harvey, John Bunt, John Snoeck, Thomas Whiting, John Hoogteling and Henry Hoogteling and they being brought before the Board and examined ordered that they be committed and that [272] a Mittimus be made out for them —[1] 1780 Nov. 14.

A Letter from Coll. Peter Livingston was laid before the Board dated the 11th Instant wherein he informs us that he sends an Examination of Anna Proper respecting James McCoy which Examination is as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File) —

A Letter from Coll. Henry J. Van Rensselaer was laid before the Board dated 16th Instant respecting John Harvey who was lately apprehended and brought to Goal by Capt. Coenradt Klyne in which Letter he informs us that the said Harvey is a very dangerous Person ordered that the said Letter be filed —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 15th November 1780 1780 Nov. 15.

Present

Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda } Samuel Stringer

Resolved that William Lees be liberated from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his Appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required doing his duty & be of the good Behaviour for and during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

[1] Captain Cline, Kline or Klyne, was paid £9 „ 0 „ 2d. in "hard money" for this service. The original voucher is in *Revolutionary Manuscripts*, vol. 40, p. 162, State Comptroller's office.

1780 Nov. 15.

William Lees of Nistageune in the County of Albany Blacksmith in..... £100
Jesse Fairchild of the City of Albany Blacksmith his Bail in..... £100

The Board having received information that [273] Joseph Stalker of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck is knowing to several Villianies committed by persons living at New Scotland such as harbouring spies from the Enemy &c resolved that the said Joseph Stalker be cited to appear before us on Friday next in Order to his being Examined as to the above

Resolved that Johannis Huyck be liberated from Confinement on his entering into a recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required for and during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Johannis Huyck of Hackatough in the County of Albany Labourer in..... £100
Gerrit Van Wie of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Cordwainer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Jacob Halenbeeck Junr be liberated from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his remaining within the Limits of the Dwelling house and Yard of Samuel Pruyn situate within the third Ward of this City until discharged from the said Restrictions by this Board or any other three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies and for his good Behaviour during that Time —

Jacob Halenbeeck Junr of Klinkenbergh in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £500
Jacob Halenbeeck of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £500

1780 Nov. 15. Resolved that James Whitacre be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good [274] Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required for and during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

James Whitacre of Nistageune in the County of Albany Labourer in..... £100
Williams Lees of the same place Blacksmith his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1780 Nov. 16. Met Albany 16th November 1780

Present

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Samuel Stringer, John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher

Resolved that John Hocknel be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour, doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required for and during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

John Hocknel of the West District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in..... £100
Peter Scharp of the City of Albany Carpenter his Bail in..... £100

Col[l] Abraham Van Alstyne having agreeable to a Request of this Board of the 10th Instant caused Hendrick Clauw to be apprehended and brought before us and the said Clauw being examined and it appearing probable to this Board from his Examination and other [275] Circumstances that he is innocent of the Crime laid to his Charge but as the said Hendrick Clauw is reputed a disaffected Person —

1780 Nov. 16. Therefore resolved that previous to his being discharged he enter into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required for and during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain and for his procuring a good sufficient Bail on or before the 25th day of November Instant —

Hendrick Clauw of the District of Kinderhook in the County of Albany Carpenter in £100

James Van Driesen was brought before the Board & examined and ordered to be recommitted —

Resolved that Joseph Hawkins be liberated from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required for and during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain and for his remaining within the Limits of this City and not departing the same (unless it be to do Militia or other Military Duty) without the Consent and Approbation of this Board —

Joseph Hawkins of Kingsbury in the County of Charlotte Yeoman in..... £100
William Shepherd of the City of Albany Cutler his Bail in £100

Adjourned —

1780 Nov. 17. [276] Met Albany 17th November 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer } { Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher

Resolved that John Bont be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his future good Behaviour

doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required for and during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain. 1780 Nov. 17.

John Bont of Claverack District Weaver in.. £100
John Decker Robison of the same place Carpenter his Bail in..... £50
Elisha Talmidge of the same place Blacksmith also his Bail in..... £50

Resolved that Peter I. Miller be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his future good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required for and during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain.

Peter I. Miller of Claverack District Wheelwright in..... £100
John Decker Robison of the same place Carpenter his Bail in..... £ 50
Elisha Talmidge of the same place Blacksmith also his Bail in..... £ 50

Resolved that Joel Platt be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his future [277] good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required for and during the continuance of the Present war [with] Great Britain.

Joel Pratt of New Lebanon in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Ase Stower of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Joseph Meacham be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his future

1780 Nov. 17. good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Joseph Meacham of New Lebanon in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Isaac Garnsey of Half Moon District Farmer Bail in £100

Resolved that Hezekiah Hammond be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his future good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain

Hezekiah Hammond of the State of Massechusets Bay Farmer in..... £100
Isaac Garnsey of Half Moon District Farmer his Bail in..... £ 50
Ase Stower of New Lebanon in the County of Albany Farmer also his his Bail in.... £ 50

Mrs Mills wife of Abel Mills appeared before the Board agreeable to order and was examined her examination is as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File) —

[278] A Letter from Samuel Ten Broeck Esqr of Livingston's Manor was laid before the Board by Harmanus Rose Constable with an Examination respecting Thomas Mc Feal who said Harmanus Rose informed us he had apprehended and had in his Custody and the said Thomas Mc Feal being Examined resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Johannis Shaver Esqr and Capt John Decker Robison appeared before the Board and informed us that Peter Bean

is a dangerous and disaffected person and that he endeavours by his Conversation to intimidate weak & ignorant persons and that John Bartle is also a dangerous and disaffected person in Consequence of which Information 1780 Nov. 17.

Resolved that Major Samuel Ten Broeck of Livingston's Manor be requested to have the said Peter Bean and John Bartle apprehended and forthwith sent to us.

Adjourned.

Met Albany 18th November 1780 1780 Nov. 18.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer

Resolved that Calvin Harlow be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his future good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the Present war with Great Britain —

Calvin Harlow of New Lebanon in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Joseph Meacham of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

[279] Resolved that Hans Sneack be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his future good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain.

Hans Sneack of Claverack District Farmer in. £100
John Decker Robison of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

1780 Nov. 18. Resolved that John Harvey be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain.

John Harvey of Claverack District Farmer in £100
Jacob F. Shaver of Livingstons Manor Esq[r] his Bail in £100

Resolved Beriah Kelly be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his future good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain.

Beriah Kelly of Norwich in the State of Connecticut in..... £100
Ezra Cleveland of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned.

1780 Nov. 20. [280] Met Albany 20[th] November 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Samuel Stringer

Resolved That Thomas Ayres be discharged from confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his future good behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereinto [*sic*] required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain

1780
Nov. 20.

Thomas Ayres of New Lebanon in the County of Albany Labourer in £100
Peter Ayres of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

The Board having from sundry Circumstances the greatest reason to think that the Information of Abraham Hoogteling was entirely false and as several persons have been confined on account of the same therefore resolved that the said persons be discharged from Confinement, but as all of them have from the Commencement of the present Contest been disaffected to the American Cause it is ordered that previous to their discharge they severally enter into a Recognizance for their good Behaviour doing their duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain.

Johannis I. Witbeeck of Niscuthaw Farmer in £100
Cornelius Van Der Zee of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Johannis L. Witbeeck of Acquatough in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
[281] Isaac Witbeeck of Cooksakie Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Nicholas Huyck of Acquatough Farmer in.. £100
Cornelius Huyck of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer his Bail in..... £100

John Ver Plank of Hacketock Farmer in... £100
Cornelius Huyck of the west district of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer his Bail in..... £100

1780 Nov. 20.

Hendrick Huyck of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £100
Hendrick Van Sante of Ni[s]cuthaw Farmer his Bail in..... £100

David Van Dyck of Niscuthaw Farmer in.. £100
Eli Arnold of the City of Albany Cooper his Bail in..... £100

Wouter Witbeeck of Manettenhook Farmer in..... £100
Peter W. Hilton of the City of Albany Cooper his Bail in..... £100

Joachim Collier of Cooksakie Farmer in... £100
Isaac Witbeeck of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Isaac Huyck of Hacketock Farmer in..... £100
Isaac Witbeck of Cooksakie Farmer his Bail in..... £100
Cornelius Huyck of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Lowrence Deal, John Garret and John Coenly severally enter into a recognizance for their future good behaviour doing their duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain & also for their appearance at the next Supreme Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in January next (or wheresoever the [282] said Court shall

then be held in the State aforesaid) and not depart the Court without Leave. 1780 Nov. 20.

Lowrance Deal of Cooksakie Farmer in.... £100
Cornelius Conine of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

John Garret of Cooksakie District Farmer in..... £100
Richard Bronck of the same place Esq[r] his Bail in..... £100

John Coenly of Cooksakie District Farmer in..... £100
Cornelius Conine of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

It being suggested to the Board that Simeon Garret who lives upon the Farm formerly occupied by John Waltymier has frequent Intercourse with the said Waltymier and harbours him when on his way through the Country resolved in Consequence of the said Information that the said Simeon Garret be cited to appear before this Board forthwith

Adjourned.

Met Albany 21[st] November 1780 1780 Nov. 21.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer } { Samuel Stringer

D[r] George Smith appeared before the Board & informed us that from an Expectation of going to Canada he has disposed of all his Effects and that he is greatly reduced in his Circumstances and finds it impossible to maintain his family in this City and being desirous of removing to the

1780 Nov. 21. Farm at present occupied by John Jolley situate in the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck resolved that he have Permission granted him for that Purpose on his entering into a Recognizance for his remaining within the Limits of the said Farm and not [283] leaving the same without Leave previously obtained for that purpose from this Board and that he shall not during his residence at the said [farm] correspond with or in any Manner whatsoever give any Intelligence to the Enemies of this or the United States and for his good Behaviour during the said time and for his appearance when called upon.

George Smith of the City of Albany Physician in..... £100
Patrick Smith of the same place Merchant his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that William Bartow, Jacob Halenbeeck, Junr, Peter Finehout, Ebenezer Stanton, Nathan Stanton, Arnold Skoelfield, Peter Huyck, and William Hoogteling, be severally discharged from Confinement on entering into Recognizance for their good Behaviour doing their duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

William Bartow of Cooksakie District Labourer in..... £100
Myndert Van Schaick of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Jacob Halenbeeck Junr of Klinkenbergh Farmer in..... £100
Samuel Pruyn of the City of Albany Yeoman his Bail in..... £100

1780 Nov. 21.

Peter Finehout of Acquatough Labourer in.. £100
Daniel G. Van Antwerp of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Ebenezer Stanton of Cooksakie District Farmer in..... £100
Daniel G. Van Antwerp of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Nathan Stanton of Cooksakie District Farmer in..... £100
Daniel G. Van Antwerp of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100
[284] Arnold Skolfield of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck in..... £100
Wilhelmas Row of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Peter Huyck of Auckquetuck Farmer in... £100
Michael Klink of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

William Hoogteling of Niscuthaw Farmer in. £100
Michael Klink of Auckquetough Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Philip Philips be discharged on his entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the present war with Great Britain

Philip Philips of the Eas[t] District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Weaver in..... £100
Thomas Knowlton of the same plac[e] Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned.

1780
Nov. 22.

Met Albany 22nd November 1780 —

Present

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, John M. Beeckman } Samuel Stringer

A Certificate was laid before the Board signed by Col.l Killian Van Rensselaer and sundry other Officers certifying that the said John Low who is at present in Confinement has ever evinced a warm Attachment to the American Cause and has been ready on every Occasion to do his duty in the Militia

Resolved in Consequence of the same that the said [285] John Low be discharged on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain.

John Low of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Yeoman in..... £100
Nicholas Low of the same place Gentleman his Bail in..... £100

Whereas James Bramley and Peter Livingstone of the Hellebergh have been severally cited to appear before this Board and refused and neglected to do the same it is therefore resolved that a warrant be made out directed to Capt. Jacob Van Aernam authorizing him to apprehend the said James Bramley and Peter Livingstone and forthwith bring them before us at the City Hall in this City —

Adjourned —

1780
Nov. 23.

Met Albany 23d November 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer } Samuel Stringer

1780 Nov. 23.

Resolved that Johannis Huyck be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his future good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of [the] Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Johannis Huyck of Acquatough in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
[286] Peter Van Wie of the West District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Andries Loucks be discharged from Confinement on Frederick Cranse entering into a Recognizance for the good Behaviour of the said Andries Loucks & for doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Frederick Cranse of the Hellebergh Farmer as Bail for Andries Loucks in..... £100

Resolved that Johan Jost Warner be discharged on entering into a Recognizance for his future good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Johan Jost Warner of Schohary in the County of Albany Labourer in..... £100
Philippus Warner of the Bever Dam Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Nicholas Sea be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his future good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto

1780 Nov. 23. required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Nicholas Sea of Schohary Farmer in..... £100
Philippus Warner of the Bever Dam Farmer his Bail in..... £100

A Letter from the Commissioners for Conspiracies at Poughkeepsie was laid before the Board wherein they [287] inform that they send to us a certain John Davis of Tryon County whom they have caused to be apprehended on suspicion of his having stolen two Horses —

Resolved that the said John Davis be committed until an inquiry can be made into the Crime wherewith he stands Charged —

Adjourned —

1780 Nov. 24. Met Albany 24th November 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda

John Bartle agreeable to an order of this Board of the 7th Instant appeared and the crime as alledged against him being read to him and he denying the same resolved that the said John Bartle have Permission granted him to appear again on the 4th day of December next and bring with him such Evidences as he may think Proper to invalidate the said Charge

Also Resolved that Capt Robison be informed of the Proceedings respecting John Bartle and that he be requested also to attend on that day —

Hugh Mc Manus appeared before the Board and informed that agreeable to our order he had apprehended John

Docksteder and the said Docksteder being Examined and it appearing that he is not the person who it was intended Should be apprehended therefore resolved that he be discharged — 1780 Nov. 24.

Resolved that Hendrick Bonistel be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty [288] and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Hendrick Bonistel of Claverack District Labourer in £100
John Blunt of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

Adjourned —

Met Albany 25th November 1780 1780 Nov. 25.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Simeon Garret appeared before the Board this day agreeable to our order and being Examined as to his Connection with John Waltymier he says as follows (see his Examination on file) —

Resolved that the said Simeon Garret be discharged on his entering into Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain and for his procuring a sufficient Bail by the 2nd day of December next —

Simeon Garret of Cooksakie District Farmer in £100

1780 Nov. 25. James Bramley having been apprehended by Capt Jacob Van Aernam and brought before the Board resolved that he be confined and that a Mittimus be made out to the Goaler commanding him to detain and keep in close Confinement the said James Bramley until discharged by an order of this Board —

Adjourn[e]d

1780 Nov. 26. [289] Met Albany 26th November 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Jeremiah Van Rensselaer

James Hamilton appeared before the Board and informed us that having agreeable to directions received from Captain Jacob Van Aernam apprehended James Bramley and being on his way to this City with said Bramley in order to bring him before the Board, David Gibson did assault him the said James Hamilton and endeavoured to rescue the said Bramley —

Resolved in Consequence of the above Information that a warrant be made out for the immediate apprehension of the said David Gibson and that the said warrant be directed to the said James Hamilton and that he be authorized in case any Resistance should be made by the said Gibson or any other Person to call to his assistance such a Number of Persons as he may think proper to carry the above warrant into Execution —

Adjourned

1780 Nov. 27. Met Albany 27th November 1780

Present

Mathew Visscher, John M. Beeckman } { Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer

James Bramley who was on the 25th Instant confined was brought before the Board and examined ordered that he be recommitted — 1780 Nov. 27.

David Gibson who was agreeable to a warrant issued Yesterday apprehended and confined was also brought before the Board and examined and it appearing from sundry Circum-[290]stances that the said David Gibson has been uniformly attached to the American Cause and has on every Occasion done his duty and a[c]knowledged his Error in attempting to rescue James Bramley therefore resolved that the said David Gibson be discharged and cautioned against such conduct in future —

The Board having received Information that Peter Waley of the Hellebergh is a disaffected Person and that he conceals himself in the woods to Escape doing Militia and other duty and he being at present at Home — resolved that a warrant be made out directed to Richard Hilton to apprehend the said Peter Waley and forthwith bring him before us —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 28th November 1780 — 1780 Nov. 28.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } Samuel Stringer

Richard Hilton appeared before the Board and informed us that agreeable to our warrant he had apprehended Peter Waley and he being brought before us and examined resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

John Ab: Pearson appeared before the Board for the Purpose of entering into a Recognizance as Bail for Simeon Garret resolved that he enter into the same for the good Behaviour of the said Simeon Garret and for his doing his

1780 Nov. 28. duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

[291] John Ab. Pearson of Niscuthaw in the County of Albany Farmer as Bail for Simeon Garret in..... £100

Adjourned —

1780 Nov. 29. Met Albany 29th November 1780 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda, Mathew Visscher

Resolved that Thomas Purchase be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Thomas Purchase of New-town in the County of Albany Farmer in £100
Jacob Ostrander of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Anna Proper of Livingston's Manor having been directed by Col! Peter Livingston to appear before this Board to be examined with Respect to the Conduct of sundry disaffected persons of Livingston's Manor appeared and was Examined which Examination is as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File)

A Letter from Col! Peter Livingston respecting Anna Proper was laid before the Board and the same being read was ordered to be filed —

A Letter from Col! Henry J. Van Rensselaer dated the

16th Instant respecting John Harvey a Prisoner now in Confinement was laid before the Board and the same being [292] read was ordered to be filed — 1780 Nov. 29.

A Letter from the Board of Commissioners for Conspiracies at Poughkeepsie dated the 24th Instant respecting Ann Standerren was also laid before the Board and the same being read was ordered to be filed —

Resolved that Jacob I. Truax be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain and also for his appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in the City of Albany on the third Tuesday in January next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State Aforesaid) and not depart the Court without Leave —

Jacob I. Truax of the City of Albany Innkeeper in £100
Isaac I. Truax of the County of Albany Innkeeper his Bail in £50
John W. Truax of D°....D°....D°....in.. £50

Adjourned —

Met Albany 30th November 1780 — 1780 Nov. 30.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

The Board proceeded to the Consideration of the Charge alledged against Robert Caldwell whereupon it is resolved that he be discharged on his entering into a Recognizance

1780 Nov. 30. with a sufficient surety for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners [293] for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Robert Caldwell of Schacktikook in the County of Albany Weaver in..... £100
Robert Todd of the Half Moon District in the County of Albany Weaver his Bail in.. £ 50
Dirck Scouting of the same place Farmer also his Bail in..... £50

Adjourned —

1780 Dec. 2. Met Albany 2nd December 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Mathew Visscher

A Letter from Ebenezer Russell Esqr dated White Creek the 18th November last was laid before the Board wherein he sets forth the distressed Situation of the Family of Samuel Burns now a Prisoner confined in the Goal in this City and requesting that the said Burns may be admitted to Bail if is can be done consistently with the safety of the State which Letter being read ordered that the same be filed and that the Consideration thereof be postponed till a future Day —

A Letter from Major Richard Esselstyne of Claverack was also laid before the Board wherein he requests that Henry Hoogteling an Inhabitant of Claverack District may be liberated from Confinement and offering to become surety for the said Hoogteling which Letter being read ordered that the same be filed and taken into Consideration on Monday next —

Adjourned —

[294] Met Albany 4th December 1780 — 1780 Dec. 4.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Mathew Visscher

It having been suggested to the Board that William Tyler is gone to Canada and has Joined the enemy and Amos Lucas having became [*sic*] surety for the Appearance of the said William Tyler when called upon resolved in Consequence of the said Information that an order be made out and sent to the said Amos Lucas forthwith to deliver him up to this Board or to pay the Recognizance Money —

The Board having been informed that from the Assertions of some Persons at present with the Enemy there is good Reason to suppose that William Laird at present residing at Johnstown who some time ago entered into a Recognizance before us to appear when called upon is at present enlisting Men for the service of the enemy with whom he intends to join them as soon as they make a descent into the Country — resolved in Consequence of the said Information that the said William Laird be cited to appear forthwith before this Board & that the Citation for the said Laird be inclosed in a Letter to Zepheniah Batchelar Esqr and that he be requested to have the same served —

The Board then proceeded to the Consideration of the Letter of Major Esselstyne delivered to this Board on the 2nd Instant resolved in Consequence of the said Letter that Henry Hoogteling be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Bond conditioned for his good Behaviour doing his duty and [295] appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required

1780 Dec. 4. during the Continuance of the Present War with Great Britain —

Henry Hoogteling of Claverack in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100

Resolved that the above mentioned Bond be transmitted to Major Esselstyne in order that he may sign the same as Surety for Henry Hoogteling.

Thomas Yarns was brought before the Board and examined and then ordered to be Recommitted —

Resolved upon the Application of William Lees, That Ann Standerren (who was some time ago sent to Poughkeepsie on Account of her Influence in bringing over Persons to the Persuasion professed by the People called Shaking Quakers the said Persuasion having a Tendency to alienate the minds of the People from their Allegiance to the State by inculcating an Opinion of the Unlawfulness of taking up Arms in defence of the American Cause) and it appearing that many of the Persons of the said Persuasion have been reformed and that no further Evil is to be apprehended from her Influence or Example therefore resolved that the said Ann Standerren have Permission to return to Nistageune on the said William Lees and James Whitakre entering into a Bond conditioned for the said Ann Standerren's appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required for her good Behaviour and not saying or consenting to any Matters or Things inconsistant with the Peace and safety of this and the United States

William Lees of Nistageuna in the County of Albany Blacksmith as Bail for Ann Standerren in..... £100
James Whitacre of the same place Yeoman also her Bail in..... £100

[296] Met Albany 5th December 1780 1780 Dec. 5.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Nicholas Sea appearing before the Board requests that Christian Weaver may be accepted as his Surety instead of Philip Warner whereupon resolved that the said Christian Weaver be accepted accordingly and that he enter into a Recognizance for the good Behaviour of the said Nicholas Sea and for his doing his Duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain

Christian Weaver of Schohary in the County of Albany Farmer as Bail for Nicholas Sea in..... £100

Adjourned —

Met Albany 6th December 1780 1780 Dec. 6.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer

The Board conceiving it necessary that Jacob I. Truax of this City should be prosecuted agreeable to Law for his Conduct in adhering to the Enemy and as the Witnesses against him who are John Cuppernull and John I. Vrooman of Tryon County have neglected to attend the Supreme Court altho they have been requested so to do —

It is therefore resolved that a Letter be wrote to Zepheniah Batchelar Esqr Justice of the Peace of the County of [297] Tryon requesting him to cite the said John Cuppernull and John I. Vrooman before him and take their Recognizance

1780 Dec. 6. for their Appearance at the next Supream Court to be held on the third Tuesday in January next to give Evidence against the said Jacob I. Truax

Resolved that a Letter be wrote to Col^{l} Van Schonhoven of the Half Moon requesting him to order Alexander Bryant to appear before this Board for the Purpose of being examined as to sundry Transactions of the Disaffected in Half Moon District —

Adjourned —

1780 Dec. 7. Met Albany 7th December 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

An Anonimous Letter directed to the Commissioners for Conspiracies was laid before the Board setting forth that John Cobham is a Dangerous Person and that his going to the Northward gives great Reason to suspect that he Conveys Intelligence to the Enemy resolved in Consequence of the above Letter that the said John Cobham be ordered on no Pretence whatever to leave this City unless he shall previously obtain Permission from this Board for that Purpose —

Resolved that Peter Werley be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required for and during the Continuance of the Present war with Great Britain

Peter Werley of the Hellebergh in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100

[298] William Monk of the same Place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Andries Ward of the same Place Farmer also his Bail in..... £100

1780 Dec. 7.

It appearing from the Examination of James Van Driesen that Archibald M^{c}Neal of the Scotch Patent and his son Alec M^{c}Neal have aided and assisted the Party (with which he the said Van Driesen was going to the Enemy) in making their Escape to Canada resolved in Consequence thereof that a warrant be made out for the immediate apprehension of the said Archibald M^{c}Neil and Alec M^{c} Neal and that the same be inclosed in a Letter to General Schuyler at Saragtoga and that he be requested to have it served —

Adjourned —

1780 Dec. 11.

Met Albany 11th December 1781 [*sic* for 1780] —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda

John Hoogteling being brought before the Board and his Examination taken and it appearing that the Charges as alledged against the said John Hoogteling are not of sufficient weight to render his Confinement any longer necessary therefore resolved that he be discharged —

James Oynes being brought before the Board and his Examination taken ordered that he be recommitted —

James Brisbin being also ordered to be brought before the Board was examined ordered that he be Recommitted—

William Griffen being also brought before the Board was examined ordered that he be recommitted —

Adjourned —

1780 Dec. 12.

[299] Met Albany 12th December 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Mathew Visscher

1780 Dec. 12. A Letter from Ebenezer Clark and Alexander M^{c} Nit Esq^{rs} two of the Commissioners for Conspiracies for the County of Charlotte dated New Perth 2nd Instant was laid before the Board setting forth that they inclose a Petition signed by sundry of the Inhabitants of Kingsbury in Favour of Thomas Yarns, William Griffin and William Bell who are at present in Confinement resolved that the said Petition be taken into Consideration at some future Day —

A Letter from Dirck Swart Esq^{r} directed to this Board and dated 12th November last was laid before us by M^{r} Visscher wherein he informs us that a Petition has lately been set on Foot and signed by a Number of Persons in Favour of Jotham Bemus who is at Present confined in Goal and requesting when the said Petition is laid before the Board to be informed of it as he is desirous of disproving a Part at least of the said Petition ordered that the said Letter be filed.

A Letter from Lieutenant Col^{l} Weisenfelt dated at Fort Schuyler inclosing a Copy of an Examination of an Indian who came from the enemy was laid before the Board and as the said Examination contains Information which should be communicated to General Clinton therefore resolved that M^{r} Beeckman wait upon him with the same —

Adjourned —

1780 Dec. 13. [300] Met Albany 13th December 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

The Board having taken into Consideration the Petition presented on the 12th Instant in Favour of William Griffen and others resolved in Consequence thereof that the said

William Griffen be liberated from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his Duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war [with] Great Britain — 1780 Dec. 13.

William Griffen of the County of Charlotte Farmer in £100
William High of the same Place Farmer his Bail in £100

Joseph Hawkins appeared before the Board and requested Permission to go to Charlotte County and remove from thence his Family and Effects and the same being agreed to by his Bail William Shepherd resolved that he have Permission granted him accordingly —

The Board being desirous of reexamining Alexander Bryant and he being ordered to appear and now attending agreeable to our Order resolved that he be examined —

The said Alexander Bryant being examined and his Examination being reduced to writing is as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File) —

Adjourned —

[301] Met Albany 14th December 1780 1780 Dec. 14.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Mathew Visscher

Resolved that James Bramley be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good Behaviour doing his Duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the Present war with Great Britain —

1780 Dec. 14. James Bramley of the Hellebergh in the County of Albany Innkeeper in..... £100
David Kittle of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

A Petition signed by a Number of the well affected Inhabitants of Saragtoga District was laid before the Board setting forth that Jotham Bemus of Stillwater since his liberation from Confinement has acted in every Respect as a friend to the American Cause that he has chearfully contributed all his Power towards supplying the Army and has in every Respect manifested a Disposition to support the Independance of the United States which said Petition being read ordered that the same be filed —

Ordered that the Secretary inform Dirck Swart Esq^r that the above Petition was presented to this Board and requesting him as soon as possible to come down for the Purpose mentioned in his Letter of the 12^th Instant —

Adjourned —

1780 Dec. 16. [302] Met Albany 16^th December 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Jeremiah Van Rensselaer

Resolved that William Vrooman be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies whenever thereunto required during the Continuance of the Present war with Great Britain —

William Vrooman of Saragtoga District Farmer in..... £100

1780 Dec. 16.

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer Esq[r] i[n]formed the Board that he had received of Gerard Bancker Esq[r] Treasurer of this State the sum of One hundred Dollars of the New Emission for the purpose of defraying the Necessary Expenditures of this Board —

Resolved that out of the above money the Secretary pay to Stephen Bell £10 „ 5 on Account

Adjourned

1780 Dec. 18.

Met Albany 18[th] December 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Mathew Visscher

Resolved that Henry Smith be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies whenever thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain

[303] Henry Smith of the Manor of Livingston Farmer in £100
Teunis Smith of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1780 Dec. 21.

Met Albany 21[st] December 1780

Present

Samuel Stringer, John M. Beeckman } { Mathew Visscher

A Letter from Major Rosekrans at Saragtoga was laid before the Board wherein he informs that he sends to us under Guard Archibald M[c]Neal of the Scotch Patent who

1780 Dec. 21. agreeable to our Request he had caused to be apprehended, and the said Archibald M^{c}Neal being brought before the Board & examined and it appearing from his Examination that he is guilty of the Crime wherewith he stands charged therefore resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Adjourned —

1780 Dec. 22. Met Albany 22nd December 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer

James Brisben requesting to be brought before the Board and being brought accordingly requested that he might be liberated from Confinement on his procuring sufficient Bail for his good Behaviour in future Resolved on Consideration of the above Request that he be informed that the Board will liberate him on his procuring a surety for his remaining within the Limits of the City of Albany until discharged by this Board —

[304] Joseph Carr also requesting to be liberated from Confinement resolved that he be informed that the Board will liberate him on his entering into a similar Recognizance with the above mentioned James Brisben —

Jotham Bemus at present in Confinement requesting of the Board to be admitted to the Liberty of the Goal resolved that it be granted him on his procuring a sufficient Bail for his remaining a true and faithfull Prisoner in the City Hall of the said City —

William M^{c}Laughlin of the City of Albany Innkeeper as Bail for Jotham Bemus in.. £100

The Board being informed that John Cobham, John Stiles

and the Man living at a Place called the Half way House in Jessup's Patent are concerned in forwarding Intelligence to Canada resolved in Consequence of the said Information that Col^{l} Gansevoort be requested to have them apprehended & forthwith sent to us — 1780 Dec. 22.

A Letter from Col^{l} Peter R. Livingston was laid before the Board inclosing an examination of Jacob Kline of the Manor of Livingston's from which Examination it appears that Wilhelmas Turner, Coenradt Turner, and James Turner being disaffected Persons and intending to create Confusion and Disturbance so as to embarrass the Government of this State have opposed the said Jacob Kline in collecting the Taxes assessed on the Inhabitants of the District and are daily by every means in their Power endeavouring to disturb the Publick Peace ordered that the same be filed —

Adjourned —

[305] Met Albany 23^{d} December 1780 — 1780 Dec. 23.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Mathew Visscher, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer

A Letter from Lieu^{t} Col^{l} Henry J. Van Rensselaer dated at Claverack was laid before the Board in which Letter he informs that Thomas Whiting at present in Confinement has always sustained the Character of a harmless inoffensive Man and that he does not conceive that his being liberated from Confinement will any way endanger the Safety of the State — which Letter being taken into Consideration

Thereupon resolved that the said Thomas Whiting be discharged on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war [with] Great Britain —

1780 Dec. 23. Thomas Whiting of Claverack District Labourer in..... £50

A Letter from Major Esselstyne was laid before the Board wherein he informs that he has at present in his Possession the Arms and Ammunition belonging to those Persons who have been apprehended on the Information of Abraham Hoogteling & the said Information appearing to be altogether false therefore resolved that Major Esselstyne be ordered to deliver up the said Arms and Ammunition to the Persons respectively from whom they have been taken —

Resolved that a Letter be wrote to Brigadier General Rensselaer to request him to transmit to this Board a List of such Persons of his Brigade who have been Delinquent in doing Militia [306] Duty in order that such of them who have entered into Recognizance before this Board may be prosecuted upon the same

Resolved that Alexander M^{c}Key be ordered to deliver up to this Board on or before the 8th day of January next Hugh Rose, Alexander Carsan and Walter Trumble for whose appearance and good Behaviour he has become Surety —

Resolved that James Beatty be ordered to deliver up to this Board on or before the 8th day of January next John Parks for whose Appearance before us when called upon he became Surety —

William M^{c}Laughlin who Yesterday became surety for Jotham Bemus's remaining a true and faithfull Prisoner within the City Hall of this City appeared before the Board & informed that he was unwilling any longer to remain Bail for the said Jotham Bemus and John Horn of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck offering to become surety for the said Jotham Bemus resolved that the said John Horn accordingly enter into a Recognizance for the said Jotham Bemus's

remaining a Prisoner within the City Hall in this City and for his good Behaviour during that Time — 1780 Dec. 23.

John Horn of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Butcher as Bail for Jotham Bemus in £100

Jacob Truax of this City having forfeited his Recognizance appeared this day and paid the sum of Two hundred and forty four Dollars of the Money emitted pursuant to a Resolution of Congress of the 18th of March last Resolved that the same be delivered over into the Hands of the Secretary to be made use of in defraying the Expenditures of this Board —

[307] Resolved in Consequence of the application of Archibald Mc.Neil and Ezekiel Ensign that they be severally liberated from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for their remaining within the following Limits (to wit) the House and Yard of Patrick Smith situate in the first ward of the City of Albany and that they do not hold any Correspondence either by word or deed upon Political matters with any Person or Persons which may in any Manner tend to be prejudicial to the Measures pursued or which may be pursued by the United States of America or either of them for the Maintainance of Liberty & Independance of the said United States and that they shall appear before any three of the Commissioners appointed for detecting and defeating all Conspiracies that may be formed in this State against the Liberties of America whenever they shall be thereunto required and that they shall remain under these Restrictions untill discharged or otherwise ordered —

Archibald Mc.Niel of Saragtoga in the County of Albany Merchant in..... £500
Robert Mc.Clallen of the City of Albany Merchant also his Bail in..... £250
Thomas Shipboy of the same place Merchant also his Bail in..... £250

1780 Dec. 23.

Ezekiel Ensign of Saragtoga Innkeeper in... £500
John Roff of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Merchant his Bail in £250
James Caldwell of the City of Albany Merchant also his Bail in..... £250

Captain Cline of Livingston's Manor appearing before [308] the Board informed us that agreeable to orders received from Col[l] Peter Livingston he had apprehended Wilhelmas Turner, James Turner and Coenradt Turner resolved that the Charges as alledged against them be taken into Consideration until Monday Morning next and that the said Wilhelmas Turner, James Turner and Coenradt Turner enter into a Recognizance each of them to remain within the Limits of this City and to appear before this Board on Monday the 25[th] day of December Instant at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon and in the mean time to be of the good Behaviour —

Wilhelmas Turner of Livingston's Manor Farmer in..... £100
James Turner of D°....D° in..... £100
Coenradt Turner of D°....D° in..... £100

Adjourned —

1780 Dec. 25.

Met Albany 25[th] December 1780

Present

Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher } { John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer

Resolved that John Stalker be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

1780 Dec. 25.

John Stalker of Claverack District Labourer in £100
Ambrose Stalker of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

The Board taking into Consideration the Charges as alledged against Wilhelmas Turner, James Turner & Coenradt Turner and the[y] appearing this Day agreeable to the [309] Tenor of the Recognizance entered into by them on the 23d Instant resolved that they have Permission to return Home on their severally entering into a Recognizance for their good Behaviour doing their Duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain and also for their appearance at the next supreme Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in January next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the state aforesaid) and not to depart the Court without Leave —

Wilhelmas Turner of the Manor of Livingston Farmer in £100
Coenradt Cline of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

James Turner of the Manor of Livingston Farmer in £100
Coenradt Cline of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

Coenradt Turner of the Manor of Livingston Farmer in £100
Coenradt Cline of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

1780 Dec. 25. Resolved that a Letter be wrote to Peter Livingston Esq[r] to request him to bind over Johannis Van Deusen and Wheater Hicks to appear at the next Supreme Court as Witnesses against the aforementioned Turners and also that he bind over all such Persons as are able to prove the Charges alledged against them — And that he also be desired to have a certain John Moore who is at present at Livingston's Manor apprehend[ed] and forthwith sent to us —

The Board having received Information that Peter Bean of Livingston's Manor has lately declared himself as an Enemy to the American Cause and dissuaded Persons from [310] enlisting in the Continental Service and Richard Warn of the same place being a disaffected and dangerous Person —

Resolved therefore that a warrant be made out directed to Cap[t] Coenradt Cline forthwith to apprehend and bring before us the said Peter Bean & Richard Warn —

Adjourned —

1780 Dec. 27. Met Albany 27[th] December 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Samuel Stringer

The Board being informed that Adam Killmer who is at present Confined in Goal is entirely destitute of Provisions and other Necessaries and not having it in his Power to procure any on Account of his Poverty —

It is therefore resolved that he be liberated from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance with a Sufficient Surety for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies whenever thereunto required during the Continuance of the

present war with Great Britain and also for his Appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in January next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) and not to depart the Court without Leave — 1780 Dec. 27.

Adam Killmer of Livingston's Manor in the County of Albany Blacksmith in..... £100
Gideon Wolcot of the same place Blacksmith his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

[311] Met Albany 28th December 1780 1780 Dec. 28.

Present

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Samuel Stringer } John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher

James Brisben having made Application to the Board to be released from Confinement and his request being taken into Consideration thereupon resolved that the said James Brisben be liberated from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour and Appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon and also for his remaining within the Limits of this City and not departing the same without Leave obtained for that Purpose from any three of the said Commissioners or unless it be to do Militia Duty —

James Brisben of Saragtoga District Farmer in..... £100
Peter Scharp of the City of Albany Carpenter his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1780 Dec. 29. Met Albany 29th December 1780

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer

Joseph Carr of Stillwater having petitioned the Board to be released from Confinement and the Prayer of the said Petition being taken into Consideration resolved thereupon that he be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour and appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies and for his remaining [312] within the Limits of the City of Albany and not departing the same unless he shall have leave previously obtained from any three of the said Commissioners or unless it be to do Militia duty —

Joseph Carr of Stillwater in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Alexander Baldwin of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Henry Tinkey be also discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour and appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required and also for his remaining within the Limits of this City and not departing the same without Leave previously obtained for that Purpose from any three of the said Commissioners or unless it be to do Militia Duty —

Henry Tinkey of the Scotch Patent in the County of Charlotte Farmer in..... £100
Albert Van Derwerken of Saragtoga in the County of Albany his Bail in..... £100

1780 Dec. 29. On Application of Jotham Bemus resolved that he also be liberated from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance conditioned for his good Behaviour appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required and for his remaining within the Limits of the City of Albany and that Part of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck which lies to the South of the North end of Steenbergh and not further East and West in the last mentioned [313] Place than the River to the East and the Foot of the Hill to the West & not departing the said Limits and Bounds unless with Leave previously obtained for that Purpose from any three of the said Commissioners or when called upon to do Militia Duty —

Jotham Bemus of Still Water in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Reuben Wright of the same Place Farmer his Bail in..... £100
Job Wright of the same place Farmer also his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1781 Jan. 2. Met Albany 2nd January 1781 —

Present

Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Mathew Visscher } { Samuel Stringer

A Letter from George White Esqr dated the 1st Instant was laid before the Board inclosing an Examination of Bernard Carpenter from which said Examination it appears that Abner Darling of Pitts Town is a dangerous and disaffected Person for which Reason the said George White Esqr having had him apprehended and sent to us, and that the said Abner Darling being brought before the Board and examined

1781 Jan. 2. resolved that the said Abner Darling be permitted to return Home on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain and remaining within the Limits of Pitts Town & not departing the same without Leave obtained from any three of the said Commissioners or unless it be to do Militia Duty —

Abner Darling of Pitts Town Farmer in..... £100
Moses James of King's District Farmer his Bail in..... £100

[314] Resolved that George Hicks be discharged on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his Duty & appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies whenever thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain and remaining within the Limits of King's District and not departing the same without leave obtained from any three of the said Commissioners or unless it be to do Miiitia duty —

George Hicks of New-town Farmer in..... £100
John Herrington of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer his Bail in..... £50
Jabez Landers of the same Place also his Bail in..... £50

A Petition of Archibald M^{c}Neal and Ezekiel Ensign was presented to the Board praying for Permission to go to their Families at Saragtoga resolved on taking the Prayer of the said Petition into Consideration that they be informed that the Board cannot grant their Request.

Adjourned

Met Albany 3d January 1781 — 1781 Jan. 3.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

A Letter from Alexander Webster and Ebenezer Clark Esqrs of Charlotte County was laid before the Board in which they request that James Gillis who is at present in Confinement may be liberated on Bail as the said Gillis has always behaved himself in an Inoffensive Manner and the same being taken into Consideration Resolved that the Board cannot [315] at this Time liberate him —

Application being also made by Archibald McNeal of the Scotch Patent to be admitted to Bail resolved that he be informed that the Board cannot at this Time liberate him —

Samuel Stringer Esqr informed the Board that he had received information that Peter Ball of the Bever Dam is at present at and about his Home and that he is come into the Country for the Purpose of Enlisting Men for the Enemy resolved that it be recommended to the said Samuel Stringer to obtain the fullest Information he possibly can as to the above and that in the mean while the Board will devise Measures to have him apprehended —

Adjourned

Met Albany 5th January 1781 — 1781 Jan. 5.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Mathew Visscher

Application being made by Dr George Smith for Permission to come to this City for the purpose of setling his private Business and Patrick Smith his Bail agreeing to the same resolved that he have Permission granted him for the space of six Days, and the said Dr Smith requesting also Permission

1781 Jan. 5. to visit a Patient at Col! Gerrit Van Denbergh's resolved also that Permission be granted him for that Purpose with the Consent & approbation of his said Bail —

Robert Adems requesting Permission of the Board to go to Johnstown for the Purpose of setling his Business and Thomas Shipboy Bail for the said Robert Adems consenting to the same resolved that the said Robert Adems have Permission [316] granted him accordingly till the 17th day of January Instant —

A Letter from Hugh Mitchell, Abraham Outhout and Ryneir Mynderse Esqrs Commissioners for Conspiracies at Schenectady dated the 2nd Instant was laid before the Board wherein they inform us that Archibald McKellop and William Rodgers who are under Recognizance to this Board refuse to do any Militia Duty when called upon and are adjudged by them to be dangerous Persons —

Resolved in Consequence of the above Letter that the said Archibald McKellop and William Rodgers be ordered forthwith to appear before this Board.

A Certificate signed by Richard Esselstyne and Lowrence Fonda Esqrs two of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Albany was laid before the Board in which they certify that agreeable to the Act of the Legislature entitled "An Act for the Removal of the Families of Persons who have Joined the Enemy" they have warned the following Women to depart the State or remove to such Parts of it as are in the Power of the enemy within twenty days from the Time of the Notice given to them — (to wit) Elsie Elizabeth Finkel, Margaret Finkle, Margaret Seman, Catharine Seman, Maria Stever, Eva Houser, Christina Benneway, Maria Reepenberger, Gertruy Wear, Anna Charter, Sintie Coventry, Bata Scharp, Margaret Shufelt, Cornelia Gardineir, & Maria Herpst, and the said Richard Esselstyne and Lowrence Fonda certifying that

the said Elsie Elizabeth Finkle, Margaret Finkle, Margaret Seman, Catharine Seman, Maria Stever Eva Houser and Christina Benneway have always behaved themselves in an unexceptionable Manner and that they do [317] not think their remaining at their Habitations will endanger the safety of the State ordered that the said Certificate be filed — 1781 Jan. 5.

Adjourned —

Met Albany 8th January 1781 1781 Jan. 8.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Mathew Visscher

John Parks of the Breakabeen having been represented to this Board as a disaffected Person and it being deemed necessary on Account of his Residence on the Frontiers of this State that he should be laid under Restrictions and having ordered the said John Parks to appear for that Purpose and he appearing this day agreeable to our order resolved that he enter into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the Present war with Great Britain —

John Parks of the Breakabeen in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
James Beatty of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

The Board being informed that there is at present in this City a certain Daniel McLoud who is possessed of a Pass signed by Philip Pell Esqr Commissary of Prisoners of this State under which Pass the said Daniel McLooed has during the whole of last Summer screened himself from Militia Duty resolved in Consequence of the said Information that Jacob

1781 Jan. 8. Kidney be ordered to bring the said Daniel Mᶜ Looed forthwith before the Board —

Jacob Kidney appearing with Daniel Mᶜ Looed agreeable to order and the said Pass being produced and it appearing that the same was given upwards of a Year ago therefore resolved tat the [318] said Pass be taken from the said Daniel Mᶜ Looed and delivered to the said Philip Pell Esqᵉ and it appearing necessary to this Board from the Principles professed by the said Daniel Mᶜ Looed that he should be restricted in his Conduct therefore ordered that he appear before this Board on the 12ᵗʰ Instant with a good sufficient surety for his future good Behaviour doing his duty and Appearance when called upon.

Adjourned

Met Albany 9ᵗʰ January 1781

1781 Jan. 9. Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Mathew Visscher

Walter Trumble of Corey's Bush having been represented to this Board as a disaffected person and it being deemed necessary on account of his Residence on the Frontiers that he should be laid under Restrictions and having ordered the said Walter Trumble to appear for that Purpose & he appearing this day agreeable to our order resolved that he enter into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Walter Trumble of Corey's Bush in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Alexander Mᶜ Key of Jericho in the County of Albany Weaver his Bail in £100

Adjourned —

[319] Met Albany 10th January 1781 1781 Jan. 10.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

Robert McClallen and Thomas Shipboy who some Time since became surety for Archibald McNeal appeared before the Board and requested that the said Archibald McNeal might have Permission to go to Saragtoga and likewise that Ezekiel Ensign might have a similar Indulgance

And we having considered the said Request and judging from the present Situation of affairs that their going Home at this Time may be attended with dangerous Consequences to the State therefore resolved that they be informed that their Request cannot be complied with.

It appearing to the Board from the Examination of Jotham Bemus that his wife Mrs Bemus is knowing to many enimical Transactions of Angus McDonald of Livingston's Manor resolved therefore that an order be made out and sent to Mrs Bemus to appear forthwith before this Board in order that she may be examined as to the above —

It being suggested to the Board that Abraham Vollwyder and Andries Tollhamer of Nistageune are dangerous & disaffected Persons who by their Conduct and Conversation daily give Offence to the Friends of the American Cause resolved therefore that the said Abraham Vollwider and Andries Tollhamer appear before the Board forthwith, with Each a sufficient surety to enter into Recognizance for their future good Behaviour & appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon —

Adiourned —

1781 Jan. 12. [320] Met Albany 12th January 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Mathew Visscher

Daniel McLoed appearing agreeable to an order of this Board with William Fuller as his Surety resolved that he enter into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Daniel McLoed of the City of Albany Labourer in.. ..... £100

William Fuller of the same place Joiner his Bail in £100

On Application of Jotham Bemus for Permission to go to Stillwater to settle his Business (to which his Bails Job Wright and Reuben Wright consenting) resolved that Permission be granted him accordingly and that he have Time given him for fourteen Days for that Purpose —

Archibald McKellop having on the 5th Instant been cited to appear before the Board in Consequence of a Letter received from the Commissioners of Conspiracies at Schenectady and he appearing this day and being examined as to Information received respecting him and utterly denying the same and being willing to give Surety for his future good Conduct resolved that he enter into Recognizance for his appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required and for his doing his duty & being of the good Behaviour for and during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

[321] Archibald M^{c}Kellop of Schenectady Farmer in £100
Charles Martin of the same Place Merchant his Bail in £100

1781 Jan. 12.

Adjourned —

Met Albany 16th January 1781

1781 Jan. 16.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer } { Mathew Visscher

Application being made to the Board for Permission for Archibald M^{c}Neal and Ezekiel Ensign to go to Saragtoga for the Purpose of arranging their Family affairs and their Bails severally consenting thereto resolved that they have Permission granted them accordingly for fourteen Days from this Day at the Expiration of which Time they are again to repair to this Place —

Lourence Deal, John Garret and John Coenly appeared before the Board and requested to be discharged from that Part of their Recognizance requiring their Appearance at the next Supream Court and they engaging to make known to the Board whenever John Waltymier shall again come in that Part of the Country in which they reside and their Request being taken into Consideration resolved that they be discharged accordingly —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 17th January 1781

1781 Jan. 17.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

1781 Jan. 17. Resolved that Hans Peter Snyder be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Com-[322]missioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain And to remain within the Limits of the District of Livingston's Manor —

Hans Peter Snyder of Saragtoga Farmer in.. £100
Jacob Powers of Livingston's Manor Farmer
his Bail in..... £100

Peter Bean of Livingston's Manor having been apprehended on the Information of Johannis Shaver Esq[r] for drinking the King's Health and for dissuading Persons from entering into the nine Month's Service, was brought before the Board resolved that he enter into Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain — And also for his appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in the City of Albany on the third Tuesday in January Instant (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) to answer unto all such Matters and Things as shall be then and there exhibited against him And not to depart the Court without Leave

Peter Bean of Livingston's Manor Farmer in £100
Coenradt Cline of the same place Farmer his
Bail in £100

Resolved that the Secretary pay to Cap[t] Coenradt Cline

the sum of £9 „ 0 „ 2 on account of Services Performed in apprehending and bringing to Goal John Snoeck Henry Hoogteling and others —[1] 1781 Jan. 17.

Adjourned —

[323] Met Albany 18th January 1781 — 1781 Jan. 18.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } Mathew Visscher

Joseph Carr who was by Recognizance bound to remain within the Limits of this City appeared before the Board and requested Permission to go to Stillwater to see his Family And his Bail Alexander Baldwin consenting thereto resolved that he have Permission granted him accordingly for fourteen Days —

Henry Tinkey being also bound by Recognizance to remain within the Limits of this City appeared before the Board & requested to Go to his Family at the Scotch Patent and his Bail Albert Van Der Werken consenting to the same resolved that he have leave granted him accordingly for Fourteen Days —

A Petition signed by Elbert Willet Thomas Hun and a Number of other respectable and well affected Inhabitants of this City was laid before the Board setting forth that Jane Moffit whose Husband is at present with the Enemy has been warned agreeable to an Act of the Legislature of this State for the Removal of the Families of Persons who have joined the Enemy been warned to depart the State or remove to such Parts of it as are at present in the Power of the Enemy, that notwithstanding the Political Sentiments

[1] The original voucher is in *Revolutionary Manuscripts*, vol. 40, p. 162, State Comptroller's office.

1781 Jan. 18. of her Husband the said Jane Moffit has always been esteemed a Friend to the American Cause and that they do not conceive that her remaining within the State will tend in any Manner whatsoever to the Prejudice of the Freedom or Independance of this or the United States and the said Petition being [324] taken into Consideration resolved that in Consequence thereof that a Permit be granted to the said Jane Moffit to remain at her Habitation —

Adjourned —

1781 Jan. 20. Met Albany 20th January 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Samuel Stringer

Elsie Elizabeth Finkle, Margaret Finkle, Margaret Seman, Catharine Seman, Maria Stever, Eva Houser and Christina Benneyway whose Husbands are at present with the enemy having been warned by Richard Esselstyne and Lourence Fonda Esqrs to depart the State or remove to such Parts of it as are in the Power of the Enemy agreeable to an Act of the Legislature of this State entitled "An Act for the Removal of the Families of Persons who have joined the Enemy" and the said Justices having recommended the said women above named as Persons of inoffensive Characters who they do not in any Manner conceive dangerous to the Safety of the State and the said above mentioned Women having petitioned this Board for Permits to remain at their Habitations resolved in Consequence of the Recommendation of the said Justices that Permits be granted them accordingly —

It being represented to the Board by the Goaler that James Gillis at present confined in Goal is very Ill and that a Continuance of his Confinement may endanger his Life therefore

1781 Jan. 20.

resolved that he be permitted to go to the House of the Widow M[c]Neal in this City and their remain until he is recovered of his [325] Indisposition on Neal Shaw's entering into a Recognizance that the said James Gillis during his Continuance at the House of the said M[rs] M[c]Neil shall be of the good Behaviour —

Neal Shaw of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck
Innkeeper Bail for James Gillis in..... £100

James Brisben who was by Recognizance bound to remain within the Limits of this City appeared before the Board and requested Permission to go to Saragtoga to see his Family and his Bail Peter Sharp consenting thereto resolved that he have Permission granted him accordingly until the 15[th] day of February next

Archibald M[c]Neil of the Scotch Patent having p[e]titioned the Board to be released from Confinement and the prayer of the said Petition being taken into Consideration resolved thereupon that he be discharged on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour and appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies & for his remaining within the Limits of the City of Albany and not departing the same unless he shall have leave previously obtained from any three of the said Commissioners or unless it be to do Militia Duty —

Archibald M[c]Neil of the Scotch Patent in the
County of Charlotte Farmer in..... £100
Evans Umphrey of Tomhenick in the County
of Albany Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1781 Jan. 26.

Met Albany 26[th] January 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer, Reyneir Mynderse

1781 Jan. 26. [326] Resolved that Gilbert Miller be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the Present War with Great Britain —

Gilbert Miller of Ballstown Farmer in..... £100
Joseph Bettis of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that William Bettis be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

William Bettis of Ballstown Farmer in..... £100
Teunis Van Vleek of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

Resolved that Samuel Burns be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Samuel Burns of New-town Farmer in..... £100
William Bradshaw of Half Moon D'strict Farmer his Bail in..... £50
John Flinn of the same place Farmer also his Bail in £50

John Murray having been ordered to appear before this Board to enter into Recognizance of a new appearing this

Day agreeable to the said Order resolved that he be bound for his good Behaviour doing his Duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto [327] required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain — 1781 Jan. 26.

John Murray of Breakabeen Farmer in..... £100
Hugh Alexander of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Blacksmith his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

Met Albany 27th January 1781 1781 Jan. 27.

Present

Samuel Stringer, John M. Beeckman } { Isaac D. Fonda, Mathew Visscher

Angus McDonald of Livingston's Manor petitioned the Board to be released from Confinement resolved that he be informed that he cannot as yet be liberated —

Application was made to the Board by James Gillis for Permission to go to the place of his abode at the Scotch Patent for the Purpose of removing his Family and Effects in the Interior Parts of the Country and his Bail consenting to the same resolved that he have Permission granted him accordingly and that he remove by the first Day of March next —

William Hutton petitioned the Board to be released from Confinement on Bail and as the said William Hutton has been a long Time in Confinement therefore resolved that he be informed that the Board will liberate him provided he can procure a sufficient surety for his future good Behaviour and appearance when called upon —

Adjourned —

1781 Jan. 29. [328] Met Albany 29th January 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer

Hannah Bemus wife of Jotham Bemus having been ordered to appear before the Board appeared this day agreeable to the said order and being interrogated as to Angus Mc-Donald of Livingston's Manor carrying on an Intercourse with the Enemy and harbouring British Officers who were passing through the Country as Expresses and she refusing to answer to the same and there being great Reason to suppose that she is acquainted with the above Circumstances —

Therefore resolved that she be committed until she gives Satisfactory Answers to the same and that a Mittimus be made out for her —

Henry Wiesner Esqr laid before the Board a Petition of Joshua H. Smith at present confined to the Goal of Orange County by the Commissioners for Conspiracies at Pougkeepsie which Petition is in the following words (to wit) (see Petition on File) —

Resolved that Mr Wiesner be informed that this Board will not interfere with the Business of the Commissioners for Conspiracies above mentioned —

Resolved that William Hutton be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour & appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Con-[329] tinuance of the present war with Great Britain —

William Hutton of Lansingburgh Cordwainer in £100

John Watt of New Scotland in the County of Albany Farmer his Bail in £100

Adjourned

Met Albany 30th January 1781 — 1781 Jan. 30.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

Application was made to the Board by Archibald McNeil to go to the place of his Abode at the Scotch Patent for the purpose of removing his Family and effects in the Interior Parts of the Country and his Bail consenting to the same resolved that he have Permission granted him accordingly & that he remove by the first day of March next

Adjourned

Met Albany 31st January 1781 — 1781 Jan. 31.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer

Resolved that Garrit Van Der Pool be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour & appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required [during] the Continuance of the Present war with Great Britain —

Garrit Van Der Pool of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in... £100
William Seaton of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

Adjourned —

[330] Met Albany 1st February 1781 — 1781 Feb. 1.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Mathew Visscher

1781 Feb. 1. It appearing to the Board that Peter Ten Broeck is Exchanged and under Parole to go to New York — Ordered that the Bond of the said Peter Ten Broeck and Wessel Ten Broeck his Bail be given up to John Ten Broeck of the Great Imboght Brother to the said Peter Ten Bro[e]ck —

Adjourned

1781 Feb. 2. Met Albany 2nd February 1781

Present

Isaac D. Fonda, John M. Beeckman } { Samuel Stringer

Archibald Campbell having been ordered to appear before this Board to enter into Recognizance of anew & he appearing this Day agreeable to the said order resolved that he be bound for his good Behaviour doing his duty & appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Archibald Campbell of the District of Cambridge in the County of Albany Farmer in. £100
William Reed of New Perth in Charlotte County Miller his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned

1781 Feb. 3. [331] Met Albany 3d February 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer } { Isaac D. Fonda, Mathew Visscher

Resolved that Angus McDonald be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto

required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain — 1781 Feb. 3.

Angus McDonald of Livingston's Manor Farmer in..... £150
Abraham Vossburgh of Claverack Farmer his Bail in..... £150

Adjourned —

Met Albany 5th February 1781 — 1781 Feb. 5.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Resolved that Thomas Yarns be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain

Thomas Yarns of Kingsbury in Charlotte County Farmer in..... £100
Rowland Perry of Palmertown in the County of Albany Farmer his Bail in £100

As the above mentioned Thomas Yarns live[s] upon the Frontiers and has it in his Power to aid and Comfort the Enemy resolved that he be ordered to remove into the Interior Parts of this State by the first day of May next —

Adjourned —

[332] Met Albany 6th February 1781 1781 Feb. 6.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

1781 Feb. 6. Melchart Van Deusen Esq[r] of Tryon County appeared before the Board and informed us that he has received Information that a certain Albert Van Der Werken is able to prove that Major Jellis Fonda was knowing to Robert Snell who lived with the said Jellis Fonda going to the Enemy last spring

Resolved in Consequence of the above Information that Albert Van Der Werken be cited to appear immediately before this Board in order to his being examined as to the same —

Adjourned —

1781 Feb. 7. Met Albany 7[th] February 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Albert Van Der Werken appeared agreeable to the Order of Yesterday and was examined as to the Information against Major Jellis Fonda, on his Examination he says that he was informed by Robert Snell that Major Fonda was privy to his going off but does not from his own Knowledge [know] whether it be true —

The said Albert Van Der Werken also says that a certain Peter Boon of Tryon County is able to give some very material Information respecting sundry disaffected Persons [333] of that Place resolved that the said Peter Boon be ordered immediately to attend this Board in order that he may be examined as to the same —

The Board received Information that William Laird who came from the Enemy under a Pretence of his deserting from them is come with an Intention of enlisting Men for the Service of the enemy It is therefore resolved that James

Crosset and Benjamin Crosset who are Bail for the Appearance of the said William Laird be ordered forthwith to deliver him up to this Board — 1781 Feb. 7.

Adjourned —

Met Albany 8th February 1781 1781 Feb. 8.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } Samuel Stringer

Resolved that James McKoy (a Deserter from the British Army at present in Confinement on a Complaint of Disaffection) be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain

James McKoy of Livingston's Manor Taylor in £100
Christopher Hagedorn of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

Met Albany 9th February 1781 1781 Feb. 9.

Present

Isaac D. Fonda, John M. Beeckman } Samuel Stringer

[334] Coll Abraham Veeder appeared before the Board and informed us that he had received Information that a certain Coenradt Coon has been lately sworn for the King in the House of Thomas Bebee by an Emissary from the Enemy —

Resolved that the said Thomas Bebee be cited forthwith to appear before this Board to give Information as to the above

Adjourned —

1781
Feb. 13. Met Albany 13th February 1781

Present

Samuel Stringer, John M. Beeckman } { Isaac D. Fonda

It appearing to the Board from the Information of Walter Quackenbush that Harmen Haver of Livingstons Manor did lately in Conversation with Garret Quackenbush call him the said Walter Quackenbush and the said Garret Quackenbush damned Rebels and the said Harmen Haver sustains the Character of a disaffected Person therefore resolved that a warrant be made out to bring the said Harmen Haver forthwith before this Board —

Thomas Bebee who was on the 9th Instant cited to appear before the Board appeared and being Examined as to the Information given by Col! Veeder confesses that Coenradt Coon was sworn for the King at his House but that it was contrary to his inclination and that he would have opposed the same if he had had it in his Power and it appearing that Col! Veeder received the Information [335] from the said Thomas Bebee and that the said Bebee is well affected to the American Cause therefore resolved that he be discharged

Adjourned —

1781
Feb. 15. Met Albany 15th February 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } { Isaac D. Fonda

Ezekiel Ensign made application to the Board for Permission to go to his place of abode at Saragtoga and his request being taken into Consideration resolved that the same be granted on his taking an Oath that he will not dire[c]tly or indirectly give aid or Comfort or Intelligence

to the Enemies of the United States of America and that he will make known to the Commissioners for Conspiracies all treasonable actings & doings attempted against the same whenever it shall come to his knowledge during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain — And the said Ezekiel Ensign having taken the said Oath resolved with the Consent of his Bail that he have Leave to remain at his place of abode at Saragtoga — 1781 Feb. 15.

Archibald M^{c}Neil made application to go & see his Family at Saragtoga ordered with consent of his Bail that he have leave granted him until Monday next —

William Robins having been ordered to appear before this Board to enter into Recognizance of anew and he appearing this day agreeable to the said order resolved that [336] he be bound for his good Behaviour doing his Duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

William Robins of the Township of Argyle in the County of Charlotte Farmer in.... £100
Edward Savage of White Creek in the County of Charlotte Esq^{r} his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

Met Albany 16th February 1781 1781 Feb. 16.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } Samuel Stringer

George Tellford having been ordered to appear before this Board to enter into Recognizance of anew and appearing this Day agreeable to the said Order resolved that he be bound for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies

1781 Feb. 16. when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain

George Tellford of the District of Cambridge in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Moses Martin of White Creek in the County of Charlotte Esq^{r} his Bail in £100

William Blake having been ordered to appear before this Board to enter into Recognizance of anew appearing this day agreeable to the said Order resolved that he be bound for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before [337] any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the Present War with Great Britain

William Blake of the District of Cambridge in the County of Albany Farmer in £100
Moses Martin of White Creek in the County of Charlotte Esq^{r} his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned

1781 Feb. 17. Met Albany 17th February 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

Resolved that Thomas M^{c}Feal be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his Duty & appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain

Thomas M^{c}Feal of Livingston's Manor Labourer in £100
Abraham Bloodgood of the City of Albany Innkeeper his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

Met Albany 19th February 1781 — 1781 Feb. 19.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

Resolved that William Bell be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any thre[e] of the [338] Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

William Bell of Fort Edward in the County of Albany Farmer in £100
Duncan Shaw of Charlotte County Farmer his Bail in..... £100

As the above mentioned William Bell lives upon the Frontiers and has it in his Power to aid and Comfort the Enemy resolved that he be ordered to remove into the Interior Parts of this State by the first Day of April next —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 20th February 1781 — 1781 Feb. 20.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

An Affidavit of Zachariah Holsapple taken before Samuel Ten Broeck Esqr of Livingston's Manor was laid before the Board whereby it appears that Teunis Smith of Livingston's has lately harboured and concealed two British Officers who were enlisting Men for the Enemies Service resolved in Consequence of the said Affidavit that a warrant be made out for the apprehension of the said Teunis Smith and that

1781 Feb. 20. Citations be sent to Simon Rockefeller & Johannis Miller who were knowing to the said Officers being at the House of the said Teunis Smith and that the said warrant and Citations be sent to the said Samuel Ten Broeck Esq^{r} for the purpose of having them served —

Adjourned —

1781 Feb. 21. [339] Met Albany 21st February 1781.

Present

Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

William Bradshaw and John Flinn who did on the 26th day of January last become surety for Samuel Burns appeared before the Board and requested Permission to deliver up the said Samuel Burns in discharge of themselves, resolved that the said William Bradshaw and John Flinn be accordingly discharged and that the said Samuel Burns be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him.

Adjourned —

1781 Feb. 22. Met Albany 22nd February 1781

Present

Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher } { Isaac D. Fonda

Joel Abbot informed the Board that a certain Jacob Timmerman has harboured and secreted Emissaries from the Enemy and has assisted Persons who were on their way to Canada and the Examination of the said Joel Abbot being taken as to the same is in the words following (to wit) (see Examination on File) resolved in Consequence of the said Examination that a warrant be made out for the said Jacob Timmerman.—

1781 Feb. 22.

It also appearing to the Board from the said Examination of Joel Abbot that the wife of William Nelling Junr was privy to Timmerman secreting Persons from the enemy therefore resolved that a warrant be also made out to apprehend her.—

[340] Resolved that John Todd be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain.—

John Todd of White Creek in the County of Charlotte Carpenter in £100
Isaac Little of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100
Robert Gitty of the same place Farmer also his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1781 Feb. 23.

Met Albany 23d February 1781

Present

Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher } { Isaac D. Fonda

Resolved that John Wykoff be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain

John Wykoff of Nistageuna Labourer in £100
David Maxwell of Ballstown Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Zachariah Holsapple whose Examination taken before

1781 Feb. 23. Samuel Ten Broeck Esq[r] was laid before the Board on the 21[st] Instant was brought before us and being Examined and his Examination being reduced to writing is in the words following (to wit) (see Examination on File)

Adjourned.—

1781 Feb. 27. [341] Met Albany 27[th] February 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

His Excellency Governor Clinton having requested by Letter that James Van Driesen may be liberated from Confinement and the Board taking the said Request into Consideration do thereupon resolve that the said James Van Driesen be accordingly discharged.—

Lieut[t] Col[l] Henry K. Van Rensselaer appeared before the Board and informed that there has lately been a Meeting of a Number of disaffected Persons in the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck at the House of James Lister at which Meeting was publicly read by Jabez Spencer a Proclimation of Sir Henry Clinton Commander in cheif of the British Forces in America which Conduct being in open Violation of the Laws of this State and destructive of the Peace and good Government of the same and having a Tendency to Alienate the Minds of Friends of the American Cause —

Therefore resolved that a warrant be made out for the immediate Apprehension of the said Jabez Spencer together with all such other disaffected Persons as were present at the said Meeting and that the said warrant be delivered to Cap[t] Robert Woodward for the Purpose of having the same served.

1781 Feb. 27.

Resolved that John May and John J. Van Valkenburgh who were present at the above mentioned Meeting be cited to appear before this Board to Morrow Morning in Order that they may be examined as to the same.

Adjourned.

1781 Feb. 28.

[342] Met Albany 28th February 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer

John May having been cited to appear before the Board this Day appeared agreeable to Order & being examined as to the Meeting at James Lister's at which Sir Henry Clinton's Proclamation was read he saith as follows (to wit) (see his Examination on File).—

In Consequence of the above Examination resolved that a warrant be made out directed to the said John May for the immediate Apprehension of Silas Wood and William Bruce, and that the said John May be directed to search the Houses of the said Silas Wood and William Bruce for treasonable Papers, and that he bring the Bodies with the said Papers forthwith before us.—

Alexander Cone having been apprehended by Capt Ichabod Turner for being concerned in dispersing Sir Henry Clinton's Proclamation and being brought before the Board and Examined resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Adjourned.—

1781 Mar. 1.

Met Albany 1st March 1781.—

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

1781 Mar. 1. Application was made to the Board by James Gillis for Permission to go to his Place of Abode at the Scotch [343] Patent and his Bail Neal Shaw consenting to the same resolved that he have Permission accordingly until the first Day of April next.—

Application was also made to the Board by Archibald M^{c}Neal for Permission to go to his Place of Abode at the Scotch Patent to which his surety Evans Humphrey consenting resolved that he have Permission accordingly until the first day of April next —

Major Jacob Schermerhorn appeared before the Board with Yutlope Chrencher & Hendrick Schermerhorn who he informed us are able to give Information concerning a Number of disaffected Inhabitants at Schodack and the said Yutlope Chrencher and Hendrick Schermerhorn being examined say as follows (to wit) (see their Examination on File) —

Resolved that in Consequence of the above Examinations of Yutlope Chrencher and Hendrick Schermerhorn that a warrant be made out directed to Cap^{t} Nicholas Staats for the immediate Apprehension of Martin Egbertse and Johannis Kittle —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 2nd March 1781

1781 Mar. 2. Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda

Lieu^{t} David Hustead appeared before the Board and informed that agreeable to our warrant he had apprehended John Cone and David Ni[c]hols for dispersing about the Country Sir Henry Clinton's Proclamation and that he had also apprehended James Lister, Thomas Hicks and Henry

[344] Filkens who were present at the reading of one of the said Proclamations at the House of the said James Lister and they being severally brought before the Board and Examined resolved that John Cone and David Nichols be confined and that James Lister, Thomas Hicks, and Henry Filkins be ordered to appear before the Board to Morrow Morning — 1781 Mar. 2.

Gersham Odell one of the Constable's of Hosick District appeared before the Board and informed that he had apprehended Jacob Timmerman against whom a warrant was issued by this Board upon the Information of Joel Abbot & the said Jacob Timmerman being brought before us and examined ordered that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

A Letter from Abraham Fonda Esq^{r} and Col^{l} Abraham Wemple dated as Schenectady was laid before the Board wherein they inform that they send to us under Guard John Mekelmay, John Curry & George Scott who have harboured and secreted two Men who were on their way to the Enemy resolved that they be Confined and that a Mittimus be made out for them. —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 3^{d} March 1781 1781 Mar. 3.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda

Resolved that Abraham Robison who is Surety for Andries Stoll be ordered forthwith to deliver up the said Andries Stoll.—

[345] Lieu^{t} David Hustead appearing before the Board was examined his Examination is as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File)

1781 Mar. 3. Capt Henry Dencker appearing before the Board agreeable to order was examined his Examination is as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File)

Capt Nicholas Staats appeared before the Board & informed that he had apprehended agreeable to our warrant John J. Van Valkenburgh, John Kittle, Jacobus Moll, Peter Wyngart, Andries Wessels, Martin Egbertse and Peter Van Valkenburgh and they being brought before us and examined resolved that Martin Egbertse Peter Wyngaert, Jacobus Moll, John Kittle and John J. Van Valkenburgh be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for them.—

It appearing to the Board from a Recommendation of sundry well affected Inhabitants that John J. Van Valkenburgh has during the present Contest behaved himself in a peaceable and inoffensive Manner yet as he is reputed to be disaffected to the American Cause therefore resolved that previous to his Discharge he enter into a Recognizance for his future good Behaviour doing his Duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required for and during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain.—

John J. Van Valkenburgh of Schodack in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £200

Andries Wessels apprehended by Capt Staats being recommended to the Board as a Peaceable Person yet as he is also [346] reputed to be disaffected to the American Cause therefore resolved that previous to his Discharge he enter into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his Duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Andries Wessels of Schodack in the County of Albany Labourer in..... £100

1781 Mar. 3.

Samuel Hill of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck having been present at James Lister's when Sir Henry Clinton's Proclamation was there read & being Examined and it appearing from the Recommendation of Cap[t] Woodward that the said Samuel Hill has always behaved himself as a Zealous Friend to the American Cause therefore resolved that he be discharged

The above mentioned Samuel Hill mentioning to the Board his willingness to apprehend Jabez Spencer resolved that a warrant for that Purpose be made out and delivered to him. —

Thomas Hicks, James Lister, and Henry Filkins appearing before the Board agreeable to the Order of Yesterday were again examined and as it does not appear that they were concerned in or promoted the reading the Proclamation before mentioned but as they sustain the Characters of being disaffected to the American Cause therefore resolved that they procure Sureties for their future good Behaviour —

James Lister appearing with Israel Thomas as surety [347] resolved that he enter into Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his Duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

James Lister of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in £100
Israel Thomas of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Thomas Hicks and Henry Filkins being unable to procure Bail other than for their Appearance with sufficient sureties at some future day resolved that they severally enter into a Recognizance for their Appearance on Tuesday next with sufficient sureties to become bound with them for their future good Conduct and Appearance when called upon. —

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Thomas Hicks of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in..... £100
David Hustead of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100
Robert Woodward of the same place Farmer also his Bail in..... £100

Henry Filkins of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £100
David Hustead of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100
Robert Woodward of the same place Farmer also his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned. —

1781 Mar. 5.

Met Albany 5th March 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Abraham Bloodgood appeared before the Board with Thomas McFeal for whom he some Time since entered [348] Recognizance and surrendered the said Thomas McFeal resolved that the said Abraham Bloodgood be accordingly discharged from the said Recognizance and that the said Thomas McFeal stand committed till he procure another sufficient surety —

John McFall appearing before the Board and offering to become surety for the above mentioned Thomas McFeal resolved that the said Thomas McFall be discharged on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his Duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain. —

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Mar. 5.

Thomas M^{c}Feal of the Manor of Livingston in the County of Albany Labourer in..... £100
John M^{c}Fall of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

The Board having received Information that William Laird is at Johnstown and that there is the greatest Reason to think that he intends soon to go to Canada therefore resolved that a warrant be made out and directed to any Constable of Tryon County for the immediate Apprehension of the said William Laird. —

Thomas Hicks who was on the third Instant bound for his Appearance before this Board with a sufficient surety appeared resolved that he enter into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour, doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain. —

Thomas Hicks of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £100
[349] David Hustead of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Henry Filkins who was also on the third Instant bound for his Appearance before this Board with a sufficient surety appeared resolved that he enter into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain. —

Henry Filkins of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £100
Abraham Filkins of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

1781 Mar. 5. Teunis Smith of Livingston's Manor having by Virtue of a warrant from this Board been apprehended by Jacob Powers Constable was brought before the Board and being interrogated as to his harbouring two British Officers, he denied the same and it appearing from the Recommendation of his Officers that he has always behaved himself well and there being great Reason to think that the Charge as alledged against him by Zachariah Holsapple is untrue therefore resolved that he be discharged.—

Johannis Smith of Livingston's Manor being also examined on the Information of Zachariah Holsapple as to the Officers said to have been at the House of Teunis Smith above mentioned and it appearing that he is altogether unacquainted with the same therefore resolved that he be discharged.—

Bowles Arnold having been present at the Meeting at James Lister's where Sir Henry Clinton's Proclamation was read appeared agreeable to our order and being Examined as [350] to the same resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him.—

Lieu^{t} Col^{l} Henry K. Van Rensselaer appeared before the Board and informed us that a few days since he issued his warrant agreeable to Law for the Apprehension of Andries Stoll and Harpert Witbeeck who had been fined by a Court Martial for Neglect of Militia Duty which Fine they refused to pay that the said Andries Stoll & Harpert Witbeeck had been apprehended by Serjeant Elijah Adams and that after being so apprehended a Number of disaffected Persons (to wit) Robert Mackesny, Samuel Mackesny, John Mackesny, Walter Mackesny, John Barham, Peter Kimmell, Lowrence Snyder, Jacob Fraligh, Sander Bulson, Christopher File, Jacob Kerncross, Coenradt Heydorn, John Melius, Abraham Van Aernam, Andries Colekamer & others did

forceably rescue the said Andries Stoll and Harpert Witbeeck from the said Elijah Adams resolved in Consequence of the above information that a warrant be made out for the immediate apprehension of the said Persons above mentioned & all others concerned in the said Rescue.— 1781 Mar. 5.

Adjourned.

Met Albany 6th March 1781 1781 Mar. 6.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

John Cone and David Nichols who a few days ago were confined for dispersing Sir Henry Clinton's Proclamations about the Country were brought before the Board and severally examined resolved that they be recommitted.—

[351] Hezekiah Van Orden Esqr appeared before the Board and requested that George Burk a Deserter from the British Army might be discharged from Confinement & that he the said Hezekiah Van Orden would take the said George Burk in his Care resolved that he be discharged accordingly.—

John Scott who was confined at the Request of Abraham Fonda Esqr and Col^{l} Abraham Wemple for harbouring two Men who were on their way to the Enemy was brought before the Board and examined resolved that he be recommitted.—

Capt Robert Woodward appeared before the Board and informed that Nicholas Miller, John Miller, and John J. Miller were present at the Meeting at James Lister's where a Proclamation of Sir Henry Clinton was read; & that the said Nicholas Miller, John Miller and John J. Miller appeared to be warmly engaged in promoting the reading the said Proclamation wherefore it is resolved that a warrant be

1781 Mar. 6. made out directed to Cap^{t} Nicholas Staats for their immediate Apprehension

Adjourned. —

1781 Mar. 7. Met Albany 7th March 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda — Mathew Visscher, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer

His Excellency Governor Clinton having in Consequence of the Information received by this Board from Lieu^{t} Col^{l} Henry K. Van Rensselaer on the 5th Instant ordered a Party of [352] Col^{l} Cuyler's Regiment to apprehend all those who were concerned in rescueing Andries Stoll and Harpert Lansing from the Custody of Elijah Adams and they having apprehended a Number of disaffected Persons concerned in the said Rescue and the said Persons being by order of his Excellency the Governor brought before the Board and severally Examined their Names are as follows (to wit) Samuel Swertfeger, Melchert File, Jacob Weeger Jun^{r}, John Weeger, Christopher File, Christopher Shaver Robert Machesny, Walter Machesny, Abraham Roberts, John Smith, Harper Lansing, Coenradt Heydorn, Coenradt Colehamer, John Klint, Andries Stoll Samuel Machesny, Jacob Fraligh and Isaac Hop resolved that they be severally committed and that a Mittimus be made out for them.—

The Board having received Information that a certain Person supposed to be a spy from the Enemy has been at the House of Lieu^{t} Cleveland and the said Cleveland being ordered to appear before us and he appearing on being examined says that he does not recollect having seen any such Person at his House resolved that it be recommended to him to be Extremely vigilant in learning the Characters

of such Persons as he entertains in his House and from Time to Time give Information to this Board of all such Persons of whom he may be suspicious.— 1781 Mar. 7.

William Rowke being apprehended and brought before the Board as a suspicious Person on being examined says that he is enlisted during the war for a class resolved that he be delivered over to Lieu^{t} Snow.—

Adjourned.

[353] Met Albany 8th March 1781 1781 Mar. 8.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Mathew Visscher, Hugh Mitchell

The Board having received Information that at the house of Dirck Van Der Wilgen at the Hellebergh there has lately been a Meeting of a Number of disaffected Persons at which said Meeting among others were present Peter Seeger and Gerrit Seeger resolved in Consequence of the said Information that the Said Dirck Van Der Wilgen Gerrit Seeger and Peter Seeger be cited to appear before the Board to give Information as to the above Meeting —

John Curry, John Mekelmay and John Scott having made application to the Board to be liberated from Confinement on Bail and the same being taken into Consideration resolved that they be severally liberated accordingly on entering into Recognizance to appear within ten Days from the Date hereof with each of them a sufficient surety before the Commissioners for Conspiracies at Schenectady and that before the said Commissioners they severally enter into a Recognizance for their good Behaviour doing their duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

1781 Mar. 8. John Curry of Ballstown in the County of Albany Farmer in £100

John Mekelmay of the same Place Farmer in. £100

John Scott of the same place Farmer in.... £100

Adjourned.—

1781 Mar. 9. [354] Met Albany 9th March 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Robert Simmons late a Capt in the Enemies Service being at present in this City and it being conceived necessary that he should be examined and he being sent for and appearing was examined his Examination is as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File)

Resolved that Melchert File be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Melchert File of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £100

Isaac Van Aernam of the City of Albany Hatter his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Nicholas Miller be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his Duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain

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Mar. 9.

Nicholas Miller of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Innkeeper in.. £100
John Ja. Miller of the same place Taylor his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that John J. Miller be discharged from [355] confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain.—

John J. Miller of the East District in the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £100
Nicholas Staats of the same Place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that John Andrew be discharged from confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain.—

John Andrew of New-town in the County of Albany Labourer in £100
Coenradt Nestly of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

The Board being informed that Samuel Inglis of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck was present at the Reading of Sir Henry Clinton's Proclamation at the House of James Lister resolved in Consequence thereof that the said Samuel Inglis be cited to appear before this Board forthwith to answer to the same. —

Resolved that Lieu^{t} David Hustead and David Sprague be cited to appear forthwith before the Board in order that they may be examined as to the Meeting at James Lister's.—

Derick Van Der Welgen, Peter Seeger & Gerrit Seeger

1781 Mar. 9. having been cited to appear before the Board for the Purpose of being Examined respecting a Meeting of a Number of [356] disaffected Persons at the Hellebergh at which they were present and they appearing agreeable to the said order were severally examined and say as follows (to wit) (see their Examination on File)

Adjourned

Met Albany 10th March 1781 —

1781 Mar. 10. Present

John M. Beeckman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer } { Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer

James Brisben appeared before the Board and requested Permission to go to his Place of Abode at Saragtoga and remain some time with his Family which Request of the said James Brisben being taken into Consideration resolved that he have Leave granted him accordingly until the first day of April next. —

Henry Tinkey also restricted by Recognizance to the Limits of this City appeared before the Board and requested to go to his Place of Abode at the Scotch Patent resolved on considering the same that he also have Leave granted until the first day of April Next. —

Resolved that Nicholas Muller enter into a Recognizance for his appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature held for the State of New York at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in April next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) and not to depart the Court without Leave. —

Nicholas Muller of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Innkeeper in.. £100

[357] Jerone Van Valkenburgh of Schodack Farmer his Bail in..... £100

1781 Mar. 10

Resolved that John J. Miller enter into a Recognizance for his appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature held for the State of New York at the City Hall in the City of Albany on the third Tuesday in April next (or whereso-ever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) and not to depart the Court without Leave. —

John J. Miller of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £100
Jerone Van Valkenburgh of Schodack Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Samuel Swertfeger having been confined for being concerned in the late Meeting of the disaffected on the Hosick Road and it appearing that the charge is not well founded therefore resolved that he be discharged. —

Adjourned

1781 Mar. 12.

Met Albany 12th March 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher, Isaac D. Fonda

Resolved that John Klint be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his Duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the Present War with Great Britain —

John Klint of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Schoolmaster in..... £100
John Leonard of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer his Bail in..... £100

[358] Resolved that Martin Egbertse be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good

1781 Mar. 12. Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the Present war with Great Britain. —

Martin Egbertse of Schodack Innkeeper in.. £100
Jacob Schermerhorn of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that John Jerone Van Valkenburgh be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the Present war with Great Britain. —

John Jerone Van Valkenburgh of Schodack Farmer in..... £400
Jacob Schermerhorn of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £400

Resolved that Bowles Arnold be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain.—

Bowles Arnold of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £100
Reuben Rowley of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

It appearing evident to this Board from the Examination of Jonas Odell that Augustus Jeram is a dangerous and disaffected Person and that his going at large unless under Restrictions may be attended with evil [359] Consequences

to the Safety of the State It is therefore resolved that a warrant be made out directed to John May for the immediate Apprehension of the said Augustus Jeram. — 1781 Mar. 12.

Adjourned. —

Met Albany 13th March 1781 1781 Mar. 13.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer

Resolved that Seth Rowley be cited to appear forthwith before the Board for the Purpose of being examined as to sundry Persons concerned in distributing about the Country Sir Henry Clinton's Proclamation. —

Henry Simpson of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck appeared before the Board & informed us that a few days ago Evert Jansen came to his House in a Sleigh and had with him Joseph Bettis and that the said Jansen & Bettis after remaining there sometime went away together resolved in Consequence of the above Information that the said Evert Jansen be immediately apprehended and brought before us. —

Jacob Kidney appearing informed the Board that he had agreeable to order apprehended Evert Jansen & the said Evert Jansen being Examined and unwillingly [*sic*] to answer candidly to the Questions proposed to him therefore resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him. —

Lieutenant Nicholas Bower appeared before the Board and informed us that agreeable to the Directions of [360] Samuel Ten Broeck Esqr he had brought up from Livingston's Manor a Prisoner who calls himself William Hartley who the said Samuel Ten Broeck had caused to be apprehended as a Suspicious Person and the said William

1781 Mar. 13. Hartley being brought before the Board & examined resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him. —

Resolved that David Nichols be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the Present war with Great Britain. —

David Nichols of Stephen-town in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Ichabod Turner of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Jacob Freligh be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the Present war with Great Britain. —

Jacob Freligh of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Labourer in... £100
Martin Freligh of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1781 Mar. 14. [361] Met Albany 14th March 1781. —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer } { Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Mathew Visscher

It appearing from the Examination of Henry Simpson that Joseph Bettis has been harboured by One Thomas who

lives in the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck on a Farm formerly belonging to Abraham Boom resolved in Consequence of the same that a warrant be made out directed to Jacob Hilton forthwith to apprehend & bring before us the said Thomas. — 1781 Mar. 14.

Jacobus Moll who was the other Day confined being brought before the Board and he acknowledging his Fault and promising to amend his Conduct in future therefore resolved that he be discharged from Confinement —

William Hartley who was Confined on Suspicion of his being a spy from the Enemy was brought before the Board and examined and then ordered to be recommitted. —

Resolved that Alamander Cone be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain. —

Alamander Cone of Stephen Town in the County of Albany Joiner in..... £100
Ichabod Cone of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

[362] His Excellency Governor Clinton having requested the Board to examine William Hartley in his Presence and his Excellency now attending for that Purpose the said William Hartley was brought before the Board and being Examined says as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File)

It appearing from the above Examination that Ryneir Vischer of this City is concerned with other disaffected Persons in endeavouring by enlisting Men for the enemy to subvert the Liberty and Independance of this State and as the said Ryneir Visher sustains the Character of dis-

1781 Mar. 14. affection therefore resolved that a warrant be made out and directed to Jacob Kidney for the immediate apprehension of the said Ryneir Vischer —

Adjourned —

1781 Mar. 15. Met Albany 15th March 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Lieut Jacob Snyder of Schohary appeared before the Board and informed us that by order of Coll Peter Vrooman he had apprehended Hendrick Kneiskern Junr and Jacob Saltsbergh who last Fall assisted Sir John Johnson in destroying Schohary and the said Hendrick Kneiskern Junr and Jacob Saltsbergh being examined resolved that they be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for them —

Resolved that the Examination of Lieut [363] Jacob Snyder with Respect to the Conduct of sundry disaffected Persons at the Bever Dam be taken which is in the words following (to wit) (see Examination on File)

Sander Bulson having been apprehended with those Persons concerned in the Rescue of Harpert Lansing and Andries Stoll and Lieut Coll Henry Van Rensselaer having certified to the Board that the Conduct of the said Sander Bulson had always been inoffensive & that he has done his duty in the Militia therefore resolved that he be discharged from Confinement.—

Resolved that James Bruce of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck be cited forthwith to appear before this Board with a sufficient surety to enter into Recognizance of anew.—

Samuel Inglis having been present at the Meeting at

James Lister's at which was read a Proclamation of Sir Henry Clinton having been cited to appear before the Board appeared resolved that he enter into a Recognizance for his appearance At the Court of Oyer and Terminer at present held in the City Hall of this City then and there to answer such Matters as shall be alledged against him and not to depart the Court without Leave.— 1781 Mar. 15.

Samuel Inglis of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Cooper in..... £100

Abraham Van Aernam who was apprehended for assisting in the Rescue of Lansing and Stoll requesting to be discharged from Confinement and his [364] Conduct notwithstanding his Political Principles having always been unexceptionable (expect[1] in the present Instance) therefore resolved that he be discharged.—

Adjourned.—

Met Albany 16th March 1781

Present 1781 Mar. 16.

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda

William Hartley being again brought before the Board and examined says that Nathaniel Cotton of Cooksakie is concerned in enlisting Men for the Service of the enemy and that the said Cotton furnished him with a Pass to travel through the Country in order that he the said William Hartley might be able the better to carry on his Practices against the State.—

Resolved in Consequence of the above Information that a warrant be made out directed to John Tillman Junr forthwith to apprehend & bring before us the said Nathaniel Cotton.—

[1] So in the original for "except."

1781 Mar. 16. Resolved that Johannis Kittle be discharged from Confinement on entering into Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Johannis Kittle of Schodack in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £200
Philip Schermerhorn of the same place Cord wainer his Bail in..... £100
[365] Jacob J. Van Valkenburgh of the same place Cordwainer also his Bail in..... £100

William Hartley having also informed the Board that Samuel Baker of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck has in his Possession Commissions from New York which he is to deliver to such Persons as are willing to enlist Men for the Service of the Enemy and that he has also with him Proclamations of Sir Henry Clinton which he disperses about the Country and Capt Nicholas Staats having been requested to apprehend the said Samuel Baker and bring him before the Board this day appear'd with him and the said Samuel Baker being examined Resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him.—

It being suggested to the Board that Mrs Visscher (Mother of Ryneir Visher who was a few days ago confined) is on Account of the confinement of her said son reduced to a State of Indigence and want as she with her Family depend solely upon him for their Support.—

Resolved therefore that the said Ryneir Vischer be liberated from Confinement on entering into Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty & appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto

required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain.— 1781 Mar. 10.

Ryneir Vischer of the City of Albany Silver Smith in..... £100
Teunis Visscher of the same place Yeoman his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Peter Wyngaert be discharged from [366] Confinement on entering into Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Peter Wyngaert of Schodack in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Jacob J. Van Valkenburgh of Dº Cordwainer his Bail in..... £ 50
Philip Schermerhorn of D°.....Dº also his Bail in..... £ 50

Adjourned.—

Met Albany 17th March 1781 — 1781 Mar. 17.

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Mathew Visscher, Samuel Stringer

Jacob Saltsbergh of Schohary who was the other day confined was brought before the Board for examination and having been examined was ordered to be Recommitted —

Resolved that Jacob Weeger Junr be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required for and during the Continuance of the present war

1781 Mar. 17. with Great Britain and also for his Appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in the City of Albany on the third Tuesday in April next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held [367] in the State aforesaid) to answer to such Matters as shall be alledged against him and not depart the Court without Leave.—

Thomas Weeger Junr of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.. £100
Thomas Weeger of Tomhenick in the County of Albany Farmer his Bail in £100

Resolved that John Cone be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Com missioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

John Cone of Stephen Town Farmer in.... £100
Benjamin Sacket of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

Resolved that Johannis Weeger be discharged from Confinement on his entering into Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain.—

Johannis Weeger of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £100
Coenradt Heyner of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

John May appeared before the Board with Jasper Crandel and Stephen Wilcocks who he informed us he had appre-

hended by order of Daniel Hull Esq[r] Justice of the Peace & the said John May at the same time laid before the Board sundry Examinations taken by the said Daniel Hull respecting the [368] Conduct of the said Jasper Crandell and Stephen Wilcocks which Examinations being read and it appearing therefrom that the said Crandell and Wilcocks are disaffected and dangerous Persons therefore resolved that they be committed and a Mittimus made out for them — 1781 Mar. 17.

Adam Pabst heretofore bound by Recognizance being ordered to appear before this Board with a sufficient surety to enter Recognizance of a new appeared resolved that he be bound for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain.—

Adam Pabst of the Hellebergh in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Andries Ward Jun[r] of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned

Met Albany 18[th] March 1781 1781 Mar. 18.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Daniel Hewson who last Year went to Canada from this City and joined the Enemy and who lately surrendered himself at Fort Schuyler being brought to his Excellency Governor Clinton and he referring the said Daniel Hewson to this Board for Examination & the said Daniel Hewson being examined says as follows (to wit) (see his Examination on File)

1781 Mar. 18. Ordered that a Mittimus be made out for the said Daniel Hewson —

[369] Nathaniel Cotton having been apprehended by James Green by order of this Board upon the Information of William Hartley resolved that the said James Green attend with the said Nathaniel Cotton before this Board to Morrow Morning.—

Adjourned —

1781 Mar. 19. Met Albany 19th March 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } Isaac D. Fonda

Nathaniel Cotton who was Yesterday brought before the Board by James Green being again produced was examined as to the Charges alledged against him by William Hartley which he utterly denying and producing to this Board a Recommendation of his uniform Attachment to the American Cause signed by Leonard Bronck Esqr of Cooksakie in whose House the said Nathaniel Cotton has for two Years past resided resolved on Considering of the Above Recommendation that the said Nathaniel Cotton be discharged. —

Daniel Hewston who was Yesterday confined being brought before the Board was again examined ordered that he be recommitted. —

Adjourned

1781 Mar. 20. Met Albany 20th March 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } Isaac D. Fonda

Resolved that Hendrick Kittle be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his [370] appear-

ance on the third Tuesday in April next at the Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in this City (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) to answer to such Matters as shall then and there be alledged against him and not to depart the Court without Leave — 1781 Mar. 20.

Hendrick Kittle of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £100
Jacob J. Van Valkenburgh of the same place Cordwainer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Nicholas Shaver be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the Present war with Great Britain —

Nicholas Shaver of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £100
John Tillman of the City of Albany Innkeeper his Bail in..... £ 50

Resolved that Isaac Hops be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his Appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in April next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) and not to depart the Court without Leave —

Isaac Hops of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in..... £100
[371] Barent Heyner of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

Adjourned —

1781
Mar. 21. Met Albany 21st March 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda

Resolved that Jacob Timmerman Alias Jacob Carpenter be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain

Jacob Timmerman alias dictus Jacob Carpenter of Hoosick District in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Abraham Bovee of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £ 50
Johannis Daet Junr of the same place Farmer also his Bail in..... £ 50

Adjourned —

1781
Mar. 22. Met Albany 22nd March 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Mathew Visscher } Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

Daniel Hewston being again ordered to be brought before the Board and being further examined ordered that he be recommitted.—

Resolved that John Smith be discharged from [372] Confinement on entering into a Recognizance to appear at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in April next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) to answer to such Matters

as shall be alledged against him and not to depart the Court without Leave and in the Mean time be of the good Behaviour — 1781 Mar. 22.

John Smith of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in..... £100
John Freer of the same place Weaver his Bail in..... £100

William Hartley being ordered to be brought before the Board for further Examination was accordingly brought and examined ordered that he be recommitted —

It appearing from the Examination of William Hartley that John Van Deusen of Great Barrington living near Monument Mountain is possessed of Commissions and Proclamations which he has received from the Enemy at New York —

Resolved in Consequence of the said Information that a Letter be wrote to Timothy Edwards Esq[r] at Stockbridge requesting him to have the House of the said John Van Deusen searched which Letter is in the following words (to wit) (here take in Letter)

Adjourned

Met Albany 23[d] March 1781 1781 Mar. 23.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Mathew Visscher

[373] Resolved that Abraham Roberts be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in April next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) to answer to such

1781 Mar. 23. Matters as shall be alledged against him and not to depart the Court without Leave. —

Abraham Roberts of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £100
William Van Den Bergh of the City of Albany Labourer his Bail in..... £100
Isaac Vosburgh of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Labourer also his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Coenradt Colehamer be discharged from Confinement on Stephenus Colehamer and Paul Snyder's entering into Recognizance for the Appearance of the said Coenradt Colehamer at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in April next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) to answer to such Matters as shall be alledged against him and not to depart the Court without Leave —

Stephenus Colehamer of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer Bail for Coenradt Colehamer in..... £100
Paul Snyder of the same place Farmer also his Bail in..... £100

[374] Resolved that Coenradt Heydorn be discharged from Confinement on entering into Recognizance for his Appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in April next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) to answer to such Matters as shall be alledged against him and not to depart the Court without Leave —

1781 Mar. 23.

Coenradt Heydorn of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £100
Petrus Heydorn of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1781 Mar. 24.

Met Albany 24th March 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda

Resolved that Stephen Wilcocks be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain.—

Stephen Wilcocks of Little Hosick in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Ephraim Jackson of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Joseph Crandell be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before [375] any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain. —

Jasper Crandell of Little Hosick in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Thomas Crandell of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Daniel Hewson Junr be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three

1781 Mar. 24. of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Daniel Hewson Junr of the City of Albany Cordwainer in..... £100
Casper Cogh of Stonearabia in Tryon County Farmer his Bail in..... £ 50
John Hoogkerk of Albany Taylor also his Bail in..... £ 50

Adjourned

1781 Mar. 26. Met Albany 26th March 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda

A Certificate signed by John McKesson Esqr Clerk of the Supream Court was laid before the Board certifying that Christopher File (who was confined for being concerned in the Rescue of Harpert Lansing and Andries Stoll) has given sureties to the Court for his good Behaviour in future for twelve Kalander Months & as the said Christopher File stands Committed by Virtue of a Mittimus of this Board resolved that the said Mittimus be withdrawn and that the said Christopher File be discharged from Confinement —

[376] Resolved that Isaac Aarse be discharged from Confinement on Abraham Bloodgood of the City of Albany entering into a Recognizance for the said Isaac Aarse's being of the good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Abraham Bloodgood of the City of Albany Innkeeper as Bail for Isaac Aarse in..... £100

1781 Mar. 26.

Resolved that Andries Stoll be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his Appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in this City on the third Tuesday in April next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) to answer to such Matters as shall be alledged against him and not depart the Court without Leave

Andries Stoll of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Blacksmith in.. £100
Henry Dencker of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

Adjourned

1781 Mar. 27.

Met Albany 27th March 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, [Stewart Dean]

A Letter from the Honble Brigadier General James Clinton was laid before the Board wherein he informs us that there is at present in Goal a Prisoner of war named John Palmer to whose liberation from Confinement he has no [377] Objection provided the said John Palmer procure Bail to this Board for his appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon until exchanged or otherwise discharged from his Recognizance and Volkert A. Douw being willing to become surety for the said John Palmer resolved that he accordingly enter into Recognizance for the appearance of the said John Palmer as above mentioned —

Volkert A. Douw of the City of Albany as Bail for John Palmer in..... £100

A Certificate signed by Robert Harper Esqr Clerk of the

1781 Mar. 27. Council of Appointment was laid before the Board whereby it appears that Stewart Dean Esq^{r} was on the 26th day of March Instant appointed by the Hon^{ble} the Council of Appointment a Commissioner for Conspiracies for this County in the Stead of Mathew Visscher and Jeremiah Van Rensselaer Esq^{rs} who have resigned in Consequence of which said Certificate the said Stewart Dean took the Oath of Office as prescribed in and by an Act of the Legislature of this State entitled "An Act for appointing Commissioners for Conspiracies and declaring their Powers" and took his Seat at the Board accordingly —

Cap^{t} Ichabod Turner appeared before the Board and informed us that he had apprehended Seth Rowley an Inhabitant of Stephen Town for having been present at the Meeting at James Lister's and for being one of the Chief Promoters in having Sir Henry Clinton's Proclamation read at the said Meeting resolved in Consequence of the said Meeting that the said Seth Rowley be confined and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Adjourned.—

1781 Mar. 28. [378] Met Albany 28th March 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Stewart Dean } { Isaac D. Fonda

John Cobham having been ordered by this Board not to leave this City without our Permission and appearing this Day before us requested the Liberty of going to Fort Miller for the Purpose of settling his private Business resolved in Consequence of the said Application that a Permit be granted him accordingly —

Col^{l} Veeder appeared before the Board and informed us

that Philip Cough of the Hellebergh lately went down the Country under a Pretence of going to Philadelphia but that it appears from many concurring Circumstances that he has been at New York and that the said Philip Cough took with him from the Hellebergh a woman whose Husband is gone off to the Enemy and who is supposed to be at New York resolved in Consequence of the said Information that the said Philip Cough be cited forthwith to appear before this Board to answer to the above Charge.— 1781 Mar. 28.

Nicholas Cluet having been cited to appear before the Board appearing was examined as to the Conduct of some disaffected Persons living on the Nistageune Road —

A Letter from Jacob Ford Esq[r] of Kings District was laid before the Board inclosing sundry Examinations respecting the Conduct of Ambrose Vincent, John Mandigo and Stokes Potter which Letter and examinations are in the words following (to wit) (See Letter and Examinations on File)

[379] resolved that the Consideration of the above Letter and Examinations be postponed untill to Morrow.—

Adjourned

Met Albany 29[th] March 1781 1781 Mar. 29.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

Resolved that Harpert Lansing be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his Appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in the City of Albany on the third Tuesday in April next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) to answer to such Matters as shall be alledged against him and not to depart the Court without Leave.—

1781 Mar. 29.

Harpert Lansing of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in £100
Jacob Vischer of Cooksborough in the County of Albany Farmer his Bail in £100

The Board taking into Consideration the Letter and Examinations Yesterday received from Jacob Ford Esq[r] do resolve on Consideration thereof that a warrant be made out for the Apprehension of Ambrose Vincent, John Mandigo and Stokes Potter —

Resolved that the above warrant be transmitted to the said Jacob Ford and that a Letter be wrote requesting him to have the same served as soon as possible and that he bind over the Witnesses against the said Ambrose Vincent, John Mandigo [380] and Stokes Potter to appear at the next Supream Court —

Adjourned —

1781 Mar. 30.

Met Albany 30[th] March 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean, Samuel Stringer

Philip Cough who was on the 28[th] Instant cited to appear before this Board appearing was examined and it appearing from his Examination that the Charges as alledged against him by Col[l] Veeder are groundless therefore resolved that he be discharged —

Peter Livingston of the Hellebergh having forfeited the Recognizance by him entered into before this Board therefore resolved that he be cited to appear with all Convenient speed to show cause why the same should not be prosecuted —

The Recognizance of Philip Empey, Johannis Staring,

Nicholas Ault, Peter Fikes and Adam Shaver having become forfeited to the State by their going to and Joining the enemy resolved therefore that the Secretary to this Board make out the said Recognizance in order that the Bails may be prosecuted on the same by the Attorney General — 1781 Mar. 30.

Adjourned —

Met Albany 31st March 1781 1781 Mar. 31.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

Resolved that Seth Rowley be discharged from [381] Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in the City of Albany on the third Tuesday in April next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) to answer to such Matters as shall be alledged against him and not to depart the Court without Leave —

Seth Rowley of Stephen Town in the County of Albany Farmer in £100
Amos Miner of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

The Board having received Information from Capt John Van Wie that the two sons of Hezekiah Schoenmaker are mising and that there is Reason to suspect they are gone to the Enemy in order to determine which it is resolved that a Citation be made out for the said Hezekiah Schoenmaker to appear before this Board forthwith in order that he may be examined as to the same —

Adjourned —

1781 Apr. 2. Met Albany 2nd April 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

Archibald McNeil of the Scotch Patent appeared before the Board and informed us that agreeable to the Tenor of his Recognizance he appeared to wait the further Order of this Board — resolved that the said Archibald McNeil remove with his Family into the interior Part of this State by the 1st day of May next and that he be informed [382] that unless he complies with this order his Recognizance will be prosecuted —

Neal Shaw appeared before the Board and laid before us a Letter from James Gillis for whom he is surety in which Letter the said Gillis prays that his non Appearance on this day may not be construed as a Forfe[i]ture of his Recognizance as he is unable to come on Account of his being indisposed —

Resolved that the same James Gillis be also ordered by the first day of May next to remove with his Family into the Interior parts of this State —

Henry Tinkey appeared before the Board and laid before us a Request of his Bail that he might be indulged with Permission to remain some time longer at home —

Resolved that the said Henry Tinkey by the first day of May next also remove his Effects and Family into the Interior Parts of this State —

Adjourned

1781 Apr. 3. Met Albany 3d April 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

1781 Apr. 3.

The Board having received Information that Dr George Smith is at present in this City and as he has received no Permission from this Board for that Purpose therefore resolved that Jacob Kidney the Door Keeper be ordered to bring the said Dr Smith forthwith before us. —

[383] Dr Smith being brought before the Board says in Justification of his Conduct that he was ordered to Town by Genl Clinton for the Purpose of preparing himself to go to Canada in order to his being exchanged and the same being deemed Satisfactory resolved that he be discharged and Permission be granted him to remain in Town for eight days to settle his Business —

Adjourned —

1781 Apr. 5.

Met Albany 5th April 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

Resolved that John Hodkison be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required and remaining within the Limits of the City of Albany until exchanged or otherwise discharged by this Board —

John Hodkison of the City of Albany Labourer in..... £100

Rykert Bovee of Maple Town in the County of Albany Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Captain Benjamin Du Bois appeared before the Board and informed the Board that Samuel Van Buskerk, Luke Dewitt and the wife of Johan Jurie Fought are dangerous and disaffected Persons whose going at Large may be dangerous to the State. —

1781 Apr. 5. Resolved in Consequence of the above Information that a warrant be made out for them and That Capt Du Bois be requested to have the same served —

[384] James Brisben who was by Recognizance bound to remain within the Limits of this City appeared before the Board and requested Permission to go to Saragtoga to see his Family and his Bail Peter Sharp consenting thereto resolved that he have Permission granted him accordingly untill the first day of May next —

Adjourned —

1781 Apr. 6. Met Albany 6th April 1781

Present

Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean, Isaac D. Fonda

John Kerner appeared before the Board and informed us that Frederick Shaver of the East District & the Manor of Rensselaerwyck by his Conduct & Conversation daily gives Offence to the well affected Subjects of the State —

Wherefore resolved that a warrant be made out for the Apprehension of the said Frederick Shaver and that the said warrant be directed to the said John Kerner in order that he may serve the same —

A Letter from his Excellency Governor Clinton to the Honorable Brigadier General James Clinton was laid before the Board by Samuel Stringer Esqr wherein the Governor ininforms that he has received Information that there are a number of Persons who last Fall came from the Enemy at the Hellebergh and Places Adjacent and recommending it to General Clinton to detach Parties from Kats Kill, Cooksakie, Schohary and from this place for the purpose [385] of apprehending all such persons resolved in Consequence

of the said Letter that the Hon^ble^ Brigadier Gen^l^ Gansevoort be sent for in order to consult wtih him as to the Steps necessary to be taken in carrying the above plan into Execution — 1781 Apr. 6.

Adjourned

Met Albany 7^th^ April 1781 1781 Apr. 7.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

Frederick Shaver having been apprehended was brought before the Board and being examined and it appearing to us necessary that the said Frederick Shaver be laid under a Recognizance therefore resolved that previous to his Discharge he enter into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required —

Frederick Shaver of the East District of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in..... £100
John Kerner of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved agreeable to the plan Yesterday adopted by General Gansevoort that a Letter be wrote to Major Schermerhorn requesting him with a Party of Men to go to Coyemans in order to apprehend such as are endeavouring to escape to the East side of the River —

Adjourned

Met Albany 10^th^ April 1781 1781 Apr. 10.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

[386] William Dewitt appeared before the Board & brought before us a certain person who he had apprehended

1781 Apr. 10. on Suspicion of his being a spy from the Enemy who being examined says his Name is Abel Bacon and he being unable to give a Satisfactory Account of himself therefore resolved that he be confined and that the Goaler be directed to keep him in Custody untill he shall be discharged by an order of this Board —

Adjourned —

1781 Apr. 11. Met Albany 11th April 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } Stewart Dean

Mr Fonda informed the Board that he had received Information that Philip Lansing who last Spring joined the Enemy is come from Canada and is supposed to be on his way to New York with dispatches. —

Resolved that it be recommended to Mr Fonda to obtain the fullest Information of this Matter and endeavour if possible to have the said Philip Lansing apprehended —

A Letter from Captain Ichabod Turner was laid before the Board informing us that Seth Rowley who was by us bound for his Appearance at the next Supream Court has inlisted in the nine months Service and recommending it to us to discharge the said Seth Rowley from that Part of his Recognizance requiring his Appearance at Court and we having considered the Contents of the said Letter do resolve that the said Seth Rowley be discharged accordingly —

[387] Joseph Hawkins appeared before the Board and requested from us Permission to go and look for a Farm on which he might remove his Family resolved that he have leave granted him accordingly. —

Adjourned. —

Met Albany 12th April 1781 — 1781 Apr. 12.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

Robert Kenneday appeared before the Board and laid before us a Letter from Col! Anthony Van Bergen wherein he informs us that he sends to us under Guard a person who he has had apprehended on Suspicion and the said person being brought before us and examined says his Name is Jonathan OBrian and that he is a deserter from Col! James Livingston's Regiment resolved that he be confined and that Col! Livingston be informed thereof. —

The Board having received Information that Hezekiah Schoenmaker and Henry Schoenmaker have left there places of abode some time ago in order to avoid doing Militia Duty and paying their Rates and are now Secreted about Cooksakie resolved in Consequence of the said Information that a warrant be made out & directed to Robert Kenneday of Cooksakie to apprehend the said Hezekiah Schoenmaker and Henry Schoenmaker and forthwith bring them before us at the City Hall in this City. —

Adjourned —

[388] Met Albany 13th April 1781 — 1781 Apr. 13.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

Brigadier General James Clinton laid before the Board a letter received by him from Teunis Van Wagenen at Cats Kill dated 12th Instant in which he informs him that agreeable to his Directions he had proceeded to the Westward with a Party of Men and has apprehended Jurry Hoofman,

1781 Apr. 13. Frederick Lobus, Frederick Schraader and Johannis Vrobert who say they were taken prisoners at the Surrender of Burgoyne, John Carrigill and James Davidson Deserters from the Continental Army and Peter Laraway and Luke Dewitt Inhabitants of this County and they being severally brought before us and examined resolved that they be committed except John Carrigill who producing a Furlough from Capt. Jansen of Col. Van Schaick's Regiment was discharged ordered that a Mittimus be made out for them—

Samuel Stringer Esqr laid before the Board an Extract of a Letter from the Honorable Major General Heath setting forth that two Men have lately left New York with Dispatches for Canada and containing a Description of their Persons and Dress.—

Resolved in Consequence of the same that Letters be wrote to Col. Abraham Wempell at Schenectady, Major Ezekiel Taylor at Stillwater and to the Commanding Officer at Saragtoga informing them of the same and requesting them to use every possible Means to apprehend those Persons. —

[389] Abel Bacon who was on the 10th Instant confined on Suspicion of his being a spy from the Enemy was brought before the Board and it appearing to us from sundry Circumstances that the said Bacon is no other than one of those infatuated People denominated Shaking Quakers and that he was on his way to Nistageune therefore resolved that the said Abel Bacon be discharged and be ordered not to frequent those parts in future on any Pretence whatever unless he is furnished with proper Credentials of his attachment to the American Cause. —

Adjourned.—

1781 Apr. 14. Met Albany 14th April 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

1781 Apr. 14.

The Board having received Information that there is at present in Town a person who passes by the Name of Henry Thiell who is endeavouring to depreciate the Money emitted agreeable to a Resolution of Congress of the 18th day of March 1780 by exchanging three pounds of the said Money for one Pound in Specie and it appearing from other Circumstances and also from the Examinations of John Lansing Junr Esqr, John H. Wendell Esqr and James Dennison that the said Henry Thiell is a Suspicious person therefore resolved that he be sent for and examined —

The above mentioned Henry Thiell appearing & being examined says he is lately from Philadelphia and that he came to this place to settle his private Business —

Resolved on Considering the above that the said Henry [390] Thiell enter into a Recognizance to appear before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon and that he do not depart beyond the Limits of this City without Leave previously obtained from this Board —

Henry Thiell of Philadelphia in the State of Pensylvania Blacksmith in..... £500
Hugh Dennison of the City of Albany Innholder his Bail in..... £500

Adjourned —

1781 Apr. 15.

Met Albany 15th April 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean, Samuel Stringer

Lieut Coll Barent Staats appeared before the Board and informed us that there is at present at the House of James Watson living on the Road to Coyemans a Person who appears very Suspicious who has been there four or five days that he supposes the said person is a Spy from the Enemy—

1781 Apr. 15. Resolved in Consequence of the said Information that Lieu^{t} Coenrad Gansevoort be requested to take three or four Men of Col^{l} Cuyler's Regiment and endeavour to apprehend the said Person

Adjourned —

1781 Apr. 16. Met Albany 16th April 1781 —

[Present]

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

Lieu^{t} Gansevoort who at the Request of this Board went with a Party of Men to apprehend the Person Yesterday described by Col^{l} Staats appearing informed us that having [391] last Night apprehended the said Person and brought him to Town for the Purpose of confining him the said Person had made his Escape —

Resolved thereupon that a Letter be wrote to Cap^{t} Van Wie to request him With a Party of his Company to endeavour if possible to apprehend him —

A Letter from Zepheniah Batchelor Esq^{r} was laid before the Board dated the 14th Instant wherein he informs us that William Laird and D^{r} Tice are still in the Neighbourhood of Johnstown and recommending it to have them apprehended and we having good Reason to think that they intend to go and join the Enemy this Spring resolved therefore that a Warrant be made out for the Apprehension of the said William Laird and D^{r} Tice & that the same be forwarded to the said Zepheniah Batchelor in order that it may be served —

Mathew Visscher Esq^{r} laid before the Board a Letter from William Whiting Esq^{r} dated at Great Barrington the 5th Instant which is in the words following (to wit) (see Letter on File)

Adjourned —

Met Albany 17th April 1781 — 1781 Apr. 17.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean, Isaac D. Fonda

Major Reed laid before the Board a Letter from the Honorable Brigadier General James Clinton wherein the General requests that Dr George Smith may have Liberty to remove with his Family and Effects to the New City and that he be under the same Restrictions he is now under until he is exchanged resolved that the same be taken into Consideration —

[392] Serjeant Soal appeared before the Board & informed us that he had apprehended Thomas Gleason the Person who Yesterday made his Escape from Lieut Gansevoort and the said Thomas Gleason being brought in and examined resolved that he be confined and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

It appearing from the Examination of the above mentioned Gleason and from sundry other Circumstances that James Watson who was confined for harbouring the said Gleason was no way concerned or privy to any Part of the Conduct of the said Gleason but as the said James Watson has always sustained the Character of a disaffected Person therefore resolved that previous to his Discharge he enter into Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required for and during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

James Watson of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Innkeeper in... £100
Volkert A. Douw of the City of Albany Gentleman his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1781
Apr. 18. Met Albany 18th April 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman } { Samuel Stringer
Isaac D. Fonda } { Stewart Dean

Two Affidavits of Carrel Nier and Jacob Nier taken before the said Johannis Van Deusen Esqr were laid before the Board which Affidavits set forth that they the said Carrel Neir and Jacob Neir having apprehended Harmen [393] Haver by virtue of a warrant from this Board and being on their way With him to Albany that Hendrick Platner and Jacob Platner of Claverack did advise the said Harmen Haver to make his Escape and that they called the said Haver out of the House in order the better to enable him to do it resolved in Consequence of the said Affidavits that an Order be made out to the said Hendrick and Jacob Platner forthwith to deliver up to this Board the said Harmen Haver—

Resolved that Hendrick Knieskern be discharged from Confinement on entering into Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon for and during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain

Hendrick Knieskern of Schohary in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
William Knieskern of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

A Letter from Johannis Van Dusen and Lowrence Fonda Esqrs Justices of the Peace dated at Claverack the 15th Instant was laid before the Board wherein they inform us that they send to us the Examinations of several disaffected Persons and two Men as Prisoners named Teunis Reipenbergh and Jacob M. Hoogteling who they suspect have been

concerned in the Robbery committed on Capt Casparus Conyne resolved that the said Teunis Reipenbergh & Jacob M. Hoogteling be confined and that a Mittimus be made out for them — 1781 Apr. 18.

Resolved that James Watson Junr be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the [394] Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

James Watson Junr of the West District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Labourer in. £100
Barent I. Staats of the same place Esqr his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned

Met Albany 19th April 1781 — 1781 Apr. 19.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

Jacob Saltsbergh who last Fall came with Sir John Johnson and was at the destruction of Schohary was brought before the Board and Examined his examination is as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File) ordered that he be recommitted —

Samuel Stringer Esqr laid before the Board an Examination of George Boarck taken by Hezekiah Van Orden Esqr from which it appears that Abraham Person Junr and Abraham Dewit intend to go off and join the Enemy whenever a fit Oppertunity shall present resolved in Consequence of the same that a Letter be wrote to Lieut Teunis Van Wagenon at Cats Kill to request him to have the said Abraham Person Junr and Abraham DeWit apprehended and forthwith sent to us —

1781 Apr. 19. Information having been received that a certain John Cole is lately come from New York and is at present in the East Camp resolved in Consequence of the said Information that a Letter be wrote to Capt. Tiel Rockefeller requesting him [395] to apprehend the said John Cole and forthwith bring him before us

Resolved that a Letter be wrote to William Whiting Esqr. at Great Barrington inclosing a Description of a certain William Scott who frequently goes to New York and returns with false Continental Money and requesting him to have the said William Scot apprehended which Letter is in the words following (to wit) (see Copy Letter on File) —

Adjourned

Met Albany 20th April 1781

1781 Apr. 20. Present

John M. Beeckman	Isaac D. Fonda
Samuel Stringer	Stewart Dean

Benjamin Randell and Stephen Randell appeared before the Board and informed us that Jacob Best of Hosick has harboured and secreted in his House John Ruyter formerly an Inhabitant of Hosick who at the Time he was so secreted by the said Jacob Best was a Captain in the British Service which Charge they say can be plainly and Satisfactorily proved by Peter Crandell and Hugh Baily —

And the said Benjamin Randell and Stephen Randell further inform that John Babcock Joseph Allport and Dennis Dun are disaffected Persons and that they have drank the Kings Health and that Jacob Lantman also is a dangerous and disaffected Person who in the Year 1777 when General Burgoyne came down did assist in murdering some men who had been driving Cattle to General Gates's Army and that Stephen Card has advised many Persons to

accept of Sir Henry Clinton's Proclamations telling them it contained Offers of [396] Peace and that it would be the last Time that any would be made and that Elisha Runnels & Thomas Stephens were present when the said Stephen Card made use of those Expressions — 1781 Apr. 20.

Resolved in Consequence of the above Information that a Warrant be made out for the immediate apprehension of the said John Babcock, Dennis Dun, Stephen Card and Jacob Lantman and that the same be directed to Jacob Kidney Constable —

Thomas Gleason who was the other day committed to Goal requested to be brought before the Board in order to give some Information respecting William Hartley & he being brought in and Examined says that a certain Man of the Name of Butler has brought a Letter to the said Hartley & that the said Hartley was to write an answer which said Butler was to call for — Ordered that the said Thomas Gleason be recommitted —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 21st April 1781 1781 Apr. 21.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

Jacob Kidney appeared before the Board & informed us that he had apprehended Jacob Lantman, John Babcock, Dennis Dun and Stephen Card and they being severally examined and denying the Charge alledged against them and offering to disprove the same resolved therefore that they be severally bound by Recognizance to appear before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies [397] at the City Hall in this [City] on Wednesday next and that in the mean Time they be of the good Behaviour —

1781 Apr. 21.

Jacob Lantman of Hosick in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Michael Lantman of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

John Babcock of Hosick in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Michael Lantman of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

Dennis Dun of Hosick in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Johannis Duet of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

Stephen Card of Hosick in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Daniel Kyneir of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved in Consequence of the Information Yesterday given by Benjamin Randell and Stephen Randell that a warrant be made out for the Apprehension of Jacob Best and Joseph Allport of Hosick District and that the same be delivered to the said Benjamin Randell in Order to have it served —

Samuel Stringer Esq[r] informed the Board that he had advanced to Peter Seeger Eight New Emission Dollars for the Purpose of apprehending Joseph Bettis ordered that he be credited for the same —[1]

Resolved that Peter Crandell, Hugh Baily, John Ryley, Oliver Bartley, Elisha Reynolds, Thomas Stephens, and

[1] Included in Stringer's sworn statement, October 21, 1784, in *Revolutionary Manuscripts*, vol. 40, p. 160, State Comptroller's office.

Samuel Shaw be cited to appear before this Board on Wednesday next in order to support the Charges before us exhibited by Benjamin Randell and Stephen Randell against the said Jacob Lantman, John Babcock, Dennis Dun, Stephen Card, Jacob Best and Joseph Allport — 1781 Apr. 21.

Thomas Butler of Hosick District having been [398] apprehended on the Information Yesterday given to this Board by Thomas Gleason and being Examined as to the same positively denies the Charge but as there is great Reason to imagin from the Character of disaffection hitherto sustained by the said Thomas Butler that what has been alledged against him is true therefore resolved that he be confined and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Harmen Haver who the Board were on the 18th Instant Informed had made his Escape from the Guard who had apprehended him appeared this day and surrendered himself up to us and produced Certificates of several of the Officers of the Regiment to which he belongs of his having behaved himself as a peaceable and quiet Inhabitant & that he has ever done his duty as a good Subject of the State resolved in Consequence of the said Recommendations that the said Harmen Haver be discharged until the further order of this Board —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 23d April 1781 — 1781 Apr. 23.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

Capt Benjamin Du Bois appeared before the Board and informed us that he had agreeable to our warrant apprehended Luke De Wit and the said Luke De Wit being pro-

1781 Apr. 23. duced and examined acknowledges that he drank King George's Health

Resolved that he be Confined and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

[399] A Number of Germans who belonged to Gen^l. Burgoyne's Army having been apprehended on account of their Inimical Conduct and Conversation & being brought before the Board and examined resolved that they be committed until the further Order of this Board —

Adjourned

1781 Apr. 25. Met Albany 25^th April 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

The German Prisoners who were examined on the 23^d Instant being again Brought before the Board & it appearing that some of them are Deserters and that others are Prisoners of War resolved therefore that it be recommended to the Honorable Brigadier General James Clinton that he discharge such of the said Germans as are Deserters and that he discharge also such of the said Prisoners of War as are recommended by Persons who are well Attached to the American Cause —

Adjourned —

1781 Apr. 26. Met Albany 26^th April 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

Peter Crandell appeared before the Board agreeable to our order of the 21^st Instant and being examined under oath says that Jacob Lantman last Summer when ordered out

with a Party of Militia to apprehend some Persons [400] who were come from Canada said that he would not go after such Persons and that he did not look upon them as Enemies. Resolved In Consequence of the said Examination, that the said Jacob Lantman, be bound by Recognizance, for his good Behaviour, doing his duty, and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies, when called upon during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain — 1781 Apr. 26.

Jacob Lantman of Hosick in the Cou[n]ty of Albany Farmer in £100
Michael Lantman of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Cap[t] Joshua Babcock appeared before the Board and informed us that agreeable to our warrant he had apprehended Jacob Best and the said Jacob Best being brought before us and examined and it appearing from his Examination that the charge alledged against him is well founded therefore resolved that the said Jacob Best enter into a Recognizance for his good behaviour and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain and also for his appearance at the Supream Court of Judicature now held at the City Hall in this City to answer to such Matters as shall then and there be alledged against him and not depart the Court without Leave —

Jacob Best of Little Hosick in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Isaac Vosburgh of the west district of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Brick Maker his Bail in..... £100

1781 Apr. 26. [401] John Babcock appeared before the Board & being examined as to the Charge alledged against him of drinking the King's Health utterly denied the same and requested that Jacob Best might be examined under Oath as to the Truth of his Assertions and the said Jacob Best being Examined says that he was present when John Allport drank the king's Health in Babcock's presence and that the said John Babcock instead of joining with the said Allport reprimanded him for doing it resolved that the said John Babcock attend at this Board to Morrow Morning —

Cap^{t} John Ryley having been ordered to appear before this Board to give Information respecting John Babcock & others appeared and being examined says that last New Years day he was at the House of the said Babcock and that the said Babcock together with Dennis Dun, Jacob Best, and John Allport did in his Hearing drink the king's Health resolved that the said John Ryley be directed to attend the Grand Jury in Order to give them the above Information —

Thomas Butler who was the other day confined on the Information of Thomas Gleason was brought before the Board and nothing further appearing against him therefore resolved that he be discharged on entering into a Recognizance with sufficient Sureties for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required for and during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Thomas Butler of Hosick in the County of Albany Innkeeper in..... £100
Joshua Babcock of the same place Cordwainer his Bail in..... £100
John Randell of the same place Farmer also his Bail in..... £100

[402] Stephen Card appeared before the Board and laid before us sundry Certificates of his Attachment to the American Cause Resolved in Consequence of the said Certificates that the said Stephen Card be discharged. 1781 Apr. 26.

Adjourned

Met Albany 27th April 1781 — 1781 Apr. 27.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

John Babcock appeared before the Board agreeable to our order of Yesterday resolved that the said John Babcock enter into a Recognizance for his Appearance at the Supream Court of Judicature at present held in the City Hall of this City then and there to answer to such Matters as shall be alledged against him and not to depart the Court without leave —

John Babcock of Hosick in the County of Albany Innkeeper in..... £100
Joshua Babcock of the same place Cordwainer his Bail in..... £100

Dennis Dun also appearing agreeable to our order resolved that he enter into a Recognizance for his Appearance at the Supream Court of Judicature at present held at the City Hall in this City to answer to such Matters a[s] shall be then and there alledged against him and not to depart the Court without Leave —

Dennis Dun of Hosick in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Michael Lantman of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

The Board having received Information that John Andrew of Newtown has this Morning acknowledged [403]

1781 Apr. 27. himself a King's Man resolved in consequence of the said Information that the said John Andrew be forthwith apprehended by Jacob Kidney and brought before us —

Thomas Butler who was Yesterday liberated from Confinement appeared before the Board and produced two Certificates the one signed by the Selectmen and several Militia Officers of the Township of Worthington in the County of Hampshire in the Commonwealth of Massachuset's Bay setting forth that the said Thomas Butler has from the Commencement of the present Contest behaved himself as a Zealous and firm Friend to the American Cause, the other signed by several Militia Officers & other well affected Inhabitants of the District of Hosick and the same being read and taken into Consideration resolved in Consequence thereof that the said Thomas Butler be and he is hereby discharged from the Recognizance entered into by him before this Board on the 26th Instant —

Jacob Kidney appeared with John Andrew whom agreeable to our order he had apprehended resolved that the said John Andrew be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Samuel Stringer Esqr informed the Board that he has received Information that Simeon Smith of Pits Town Innkeeper entertains disaffected Persons; drink's King George's health and speaks disrespectfully of the Authority of this State. resolved in Consequence of the said Information that a warrant be made out directed to Lieutenant Jonathan Brown forthwith to apprehend and bring before us the said Simeon Smith —

Resolved that a Citation be sent to Jonathan Brown [404] William McCoy and Mary Sawyer to appear before the Board forthwith to prove the Charges above alledged against the said Simeon Smith.

1781 Apr. 27.

Lieu[t] Jacob Platner and Hendrick Platner appeared before the Board and being questioned as to their advising Harmen Haver to make his Escape from the Guard who had him in Custody the said John Platner acknowledges he did Advise Harmen Haver to go home and obtain a Certificate from his Officers of his Conduct and then deliver himself up to the Commissioners at Albany and the said Jacob Platner having always sustained an Irreproachable Character and Hendrick Platner appearing no way concerned in the affair therefore resolved that the said Jacob Platner and Hendrick Platner be discharged

Adjourned

1781 Apr. 30.

Met Albany 30[th] April 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

Berijah Tyler appeared before the Board and produced a Letter signed by Stephen Salisbury and William Dawes dated at Worcester in the State of Massachusetts Bay on the 25 Instant setting forth that Thomas Glason who was by Our order apprehended and confined is of an infamous Character and that he has lately enlisted for three Years to serve in the Continental Army ordered that the same be filed —

Resolved in Consequence of the above Letter that an Order be sent to James Watson to deliver up to Berijah Tyler the Horse of the said Thomas Gleason by us Committed to his Care [405] on the said Tyler's paying the Charges accrued in keeping said Horse —

Resolved that Jacob Saltsbergh be discharged from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto

1781 Apr. 30. required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Jacob Saltsbergh of the Bever Dam in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Jacob Cuyler of the City of Albany Merchant his Bail in..... £100

Whereas there are several Families remaining settled on the North side of Hudsons River in and about Jessup's Patent, who are all disaffected; and this Board conceiving it highly improper they should be let to remain there —

Have resolved, that it is necessary, for the Safety of those Frontiers, that all the said Families be ordered forthwith to remove from thence with all their Effects down into the Interior parts of the Country, without delay; and that all Boats, Canoes, or other Conveniences, for the purpose of Crossing the River, and which can be found on either side of the same, be destroyed, and that all the Males of 16 Years old and upwards, be ordered to appear before this Board on or before the 20th day of May next at their peril —

And whereas this Board has received Information that there are a Number of Tory Women (whose Husbands have joined the Enemy) residing, and going from parts below to reside, above Saragtoga which this Board from Manifest Reasons disapprove of; therefore Resolved, that the said Women be all brought down below Saragtoga and ordered there to Remain as they will answer they [*sic*] Contrary at their Peril; until they shall receive [406] further Instructions from this Board or from some other proper Authority —

Resolved that Brigadier General Clinton be requested by this Board, to issue an Order to the Officer commanding at Saragtoga to have the above necessary Resolves executed; and that a List of all such Persons as may be removed and brought down as aforesaid be handed to this Board, with any

Information that may be collected and thought worthy of their Attention towards the wellfare of the State — 1781 Apr. 30.

Adjourned —

Met Albany 1st May 1781 — 1781 May 1.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

A Letter from the Commissioners for Conspiracies dated at Schenectady the 26th April last was laid before the Board which Letter is in the words following (to wit) (See Letter on File) —

Andries Cogh, Andries Wolters, George Pattshold and Johan Hendrick Zachariah Bause, German Prisoners of war having been apprehended by order of General Clinton and confined and the General being of Opinion that they may be serviceable to the Country should they be admitted to Bail resolved therefore that they be bound in Recognizance with sufficient sureties for their good Behaviour and appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

[407] Andries Cogh of the Hellebergh in the County of Albany in..... £100
Jacob Zimmer of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

Andries Walters late of the Hellebergh in..... £100
Jacob Zimmer of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

George Paatshold late of the Hellebergh in. . £100
Jacob Zimmer of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

1781 May 1. Johan Hendrick Zachariah Bause late of the Hellebergh in £100
Johannis Casselman of the Bever Dam Farmer his Bail in £100

Adjourned —

1781 May 2. Met Albany 2nd May 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

General Clinton having recommended it to the Board to discharge Christian Hartwick a German Prisoner of war on Bail resolved in Consequence of the said Recommendation that the said Christian Hartwick be discharged on his entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Christian Hartwick late of the Hellebergh Farmer in..... £100
Peter Cook of the City of Albany Merchant his Bail in £100

Mrs Welsh whose Husband is at present with the Enemy appeared before the Board and requested a Permit to go to Canada resolved that the Secretary to this Board certify to General Clinton that we have no Objection to Mrs Welsh's going with the first Flag to her Husband —

Hugh McManus Constable of Tryon County [408] appeared before the Board and informed us that agreeable to our warrant he had apprehended Dr John Tice and the said Dr Tice being produced and examined resolved that the said Hugh McManus take him again into his Charge and have him ready to produce to this Board when called upon —

Luke DeWit was brought before the Board and examined Ordered that he be recommitted — 1781 May. 2.

General Clinton having certified to this Board his Desire that William Giffert a German Prisoner of war should be admitted to Bail resolved that he be bound for his good Behaviour and appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies for and during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

William Giffert late of the Hellebergh Farmer in..... £100
John Tillman Senr of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Innkeeper his Bail in £100

Peter Larawa being brought before the Board and examined ordered that he be recommitted —

Dr John Tice being again brought before the Board and examined on Consideration of the Charge alledged against the said Dr Tice resolved that he enter into Recognizance with Sufficient surety for his remaining within the Limits of this City and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon until discharged from the said Recognizance by the said Commissioners —

John Tice of the State of Pensylvania Practi[ci]oner of Physick in..... £100
John Tillman of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Innkeeper his Bail in..... £100

[409] Met Albany 3d May 1781 1781 May 3.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

The Board having received Information that Joseph Bettis keeps at present at the Hellebergh and other places

1781 May 3. in that Neighbourhood and is collecting a party of Men to go off to the Enemy —

Resolved in Consequence of the said Information that Application be made to General [James Clinton] for a Party of the Levies and to General Gansevoort for a Party of Militia to go and apprehend the said Joseph Bettis with his Party and also resolved that Abraham Outhout Esq^r one of the Commissioners for Conspiracies residing at Schenectady at present in Town be sent for and made Acquainted with the above Information and that he be also informed that this Board conceive it necessary that a Party of Men should be sent from Schenectady for the purpose of falling upon the Rear of those Settlements —

Information being exhibited to this Board that a certain John Wasbrook is at present on the East side of the River that he is a Stranger and of a suspicious Character therefore resolved that a Warrant be made out directed to Jacob Van Alstyne authorizing him forthwith to apprehend and bring before us the said John Wasbrook —

A Letter from Teunis Van Wagenen dated Cats Kill the 2^nd Instant was laid before the Board informing that he sends to us under Guard a certain Samuel Davidson who he had caused to be apprehended as a dangerous Person and the said Davidson being produced and Examined and it ap- [410] pearing from his Examination that he is a Deserter from the Line of the Pensylvania Army therefore resolved that he be sent to General Clinton to be disposed as he may think proper —

Adjourned —

1781 May 4. Met Albany 4^th May 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

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Resolved in Consequence of the plan Yesterday concluded upon for the Apprehension of Joseph Bettis with his Party that a Letter be wrote to Col[l] Anthony Van Bergen at Cooksakie to detach a Party of Men to Peesink for the purpose of scouring the woods in that Quarter in Order that if Bettis should endeavour to make his Escape that way that he may be apprehended —

James Watson Jun[r] who on the 18[th] day of April last entered into a Recognizance before this Board appeared before us this day and informed us that he intends to go and reside at Springfield in the State of Massachusetts Bay for the Purpose of lear[n]ing the Tanners Trade and requested to be discharged from his said Recognizance and the said Application being taken into Consideration resolved thereupon that the said James Watson Jun[r] be and he is hereby discharged from the said Recognizance —

Lieu[t] Jonathan Brown appeared before the Board and informed us that agreeable to our warrant he had apprehended Simeon Smith and that he had also agreeable to our Directions summoned William M[c]Coy as an Evidence against the said Simeon Smith ordered that the said William M[c]Coy be examined —

[411] William M[c]Coy being Examined under Oath saith as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File) —

Simeon Smith being brought before the Board and the Charges above alledged against him being read to him and he possitively denying the same and offering to prove himself Innocent of the Crime alledged against him wherefore resolved that the said Simeon Smith have Permission to return Home on his entering into Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain

1781 May 4. and also for his appearing at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in this City on the last Tuesday in July next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) to answer to such Matters as shall then and there be alledged against him and not to depart the Court without Leave —

Simeon Smith of Pitts Town in the County of Albany Innkeeper in £100
Archibald Campbell of the City of Albany Merchant his Bail in £100

Jonathan Brown and Seth Stalker being severally called before the Board and Examined as to the Political Conduct of Simeon Smith their Examinations are as follows (to wit) (see Examinations on File) —

Mathew Visscher Esq[r] appeared before the Board and informed us that he had received Information that a Number of Negroes at Nistageune and the Bought intend shortly to go off to Canada with Joseph Bettis resolved in Consequence of the said Information that a Letter be wrote to Captain Hendrick Ostram to have the following Negroes apprehended (to wit) Jack the Negro Man of [412] Wilhelmas Van Antwerp Esq[r], Pomp the Negroe of Naning Vischer, Jack the Negroe of Bastian Cregier, and Jack the Negroe [of] Martinus Cregier, and that he keep them separately and bring them before us at the City Hall in this City —

Resolved also that a Letter be wrote to Captain Levinus Lansing to apprehend and bring before us the Negroe of Cornelius Van Den Bergh named Sans, and the Negro of Johannis Lansing named Tom and they also be brought down separately —

A Party of Levies and of the Militia being now ready for the Purpose of executing the Plan for Apprehending Joseph

Bettis with his Party resolved that Instructions be made out for the Officer commanding the said Party which Instructions are in the following words (to wit) (see Draft Instructions on File) — 1781 May 4.

A Letter from Major Popham Aid De Camp to Brigadier General James Clinton was laid before the Board setting forth that the General is willing that Hazelton Spencer should be liberated from Confinement and have the Liberty of the Town and be subject to such Restrictions as this Board may think proper resolved that the Subject of the above Letter be taken into Consideration untill to Morrow Morning —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 5th May 1781 — 1781 May 5.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean, Samuel Stringer

The Board having taken into Consideration the Letter Yesterday received from Major Popham respecting Hazelton Spencer and Conceiving that there can be no Impropriety in [413] liberating the said Hazelton Spencer from Confinement therefore resolved that he be liberated accordingly on entering into a Bond with a sufficient surety for his remaining within the following Limits in the City of Albany, (to wit) to the North to the Bridge at General Ten Broeck's to the west to the Fort and to the south to the House at present occupied by Thomas Lansing and for his not holding any Correspondence by word or deed upon Political Matters with any Person or Persons who hold Principles Inimical to the Measures pursued by the Congress of the United States of America and that he shall appear before the Commissioners for Conspiracies or either of them when required —

1781 May 5. Hazelton Spencer in..... £500
Abraham Ja: Lansing of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer his Bail in £500

Cap[t] Hendrick Ostrom appeared before the Board and informed that agreeable to our Request he had apprehended the Negroes mentioned in our Letter of Yesterday and the said Negroes being severally brought before the Board and Examined and confessing their Intention of going off with Joseph Bettis and Jack the Negroe of Wilhelmas Van Antwerp and Pomp the Negroe of Naning Visscher appearing to be principally concerned in the above Schem[e] therefore resolved that they be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for them —

Henry Simpson appeared before the Board and informed that the Party of Men who Yesterday went in Search of Joseph Bettis had apprehended a Certain Daniel Sherwood and that he had become Surety to the Officer commanding the said Party to deliver up the said Sherwood to this Board and that the said Daniel [414] Sherwood being Examined and producing Vouchers of his having been enlisted last Summer in the Nine Months Service and of his Attachment to the American Cause therefore resolved that he be discharged —

Harmanus Cuyler of Cooksakie laid before the Board a Letter from Teunis Van Wagenon dated Cats Kill 4[th] Instant wherein he informs us that he sends to us Wessel Van Dyck as a Prisoner on Account of his being concerned in carrying Off David Abeel and his son and that he will send up the Proof against him as soon as possible which Letter being read ordered that the same be filed —

Resolved in Consequence of the above Letter that the said Wessel Van Dyck be confined and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 7th May 1781 — 1781 May 7.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

A Letter from Capt Cornelius J. Jansen dated at Saragtoga the 6th Instant was laid before the Board setting forth that one of his Scouts had apprehended at Jessup's Patent a certain Stephen Fairchilds and the said Fairchilds being Examined and not being able to give a satisfactory Account of himself resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

A Letter was also laid before the Board from Teunis Van Wagenen dated at Catts Kill the 6th Instant wherein [415] he informs us that he sends to us under Guard Abraham Dewitt and Abraham Person Junr who have been apprehended agreeable to a warrant issued by this Board and that he also sends John Person who is a dangerous and disaffected Person resolved that they be severally examined & that a Mittimus be made out for them —

Pomp the Negro Man of Naning Vischer being at the Request of his Master again brought before the Board and Examined and it appearing that he is possessed of no other Information than what he has already mentioned therefore resolved that at the Request of his said Master that he be discharged —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 8th May 1781 — 1781 May 8.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean —

Jack the Negro Man of Wilhelmas Van Antwerp being again brought before the Board was examined and it appear-

1781 May 8. ing that his former Examination contains all the Information which he is able to give and he offering to give Information of Joseph Bettis or any other Person that may in future ask him to go to Canada resolved therefore that he be discharged from Confinement —

Peter Larawa was brought before the Board for the Purpose of being examined and the said Larawa appearing unwilling to give a Candid Confession with Respect to the Conduct of the disaffected Inhabitants at Peesink therefore resolved that he be recommitted

Adjourned —

1781 May 9. [416] Met Albany 9th May 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

Information was exhibited to the Board that a certain David Waters an Inhabitant of this City has offered to Exchange the Money lately emitted by the Authority of Congress for Hard Money at the Rate of three for one and it appearing highly probable that the said David Waters does it with no other View than to depreciate the Money as he has been always esteemed a disaffected Person it is therefore resolved that a warrant be made out directed to Jacob Kidney forthwith to apprehend and bring before us the said David Waters resolved also that John Shepherd and Henry Hart be cited forthwith to appear before this Board to prove the Charges as above alledged against the said Waters —

Jacob Kidney appeared and informed that agreeable to our Order he had apprehended David Waters and the said Waters being produced and acknowledging the same and at the same Time confessing also that he did say that if the

Commissioners should confine him for his Conduct that he would after being released go to the Enemy at New York resolved therefore that he be confined and that a Mittimus be made out for him — 1781 May 9.

John Shepherd and Henry Hart appearing and being severally examined say as follows (to wit) (see their Examinations on File)

The Board being also informed by William Dewit that Mr Fomfried the French Merchant has also asked more in New Money for his Tea than the Current Exchange resolved that he be sent for to answer the above —

[417] Mr Fomfried appearing and being made acquainted with the above Charge and he positively denying the same resolved that he be discharged and cautioned against depreciating the New Money at his Peril —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 12th May 1781 — 1781 May 12.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer

Hugh McManus Constable for Tryon County appeared before the Board and informed us that agreeable to a warrant issued by this Board for William Laird he had apprehended the said Laird & the said Laird being Examined and it appearing from his own Examination and also from a Letter to this Board from Zepheniah Batchelor Esqr that the said William Laird in [*sic*] enlisted in the Nine Month's Service and he offering faithfully to do his duty in future resolved therefore that the same be taken into Consideration untill this Afternoon —

The Board being informed that there is at present in

1781 May 12. Town a certain Isaac Larawa an Inhabitant of the Hellebergh who may if examined give some Material Information respecting several Persons in that Quarter it is therefore resolved that Jacob Kidney be ordered to have the said Isaac Larawa before the Board this Afternoon —

Lieutenant Seth Perry appeared before the Board and informed us that he had apprehended a Man on Suspicion and the said Person being produced and Examined says that his Name is Christian Smith that he is a Soldier in the Continental Army [418] in Col! Van Schaick's Regiment that he deserted about two Month's ago at Livingston's Manor to which he was advised by a certain Smith an Inhabitant of that place that whilst at Livingston's Manor he was advised by Jurie Wheeler to go to New York and then enlist in the Enemies Service and the said Examination being committed to writing ordered that the said Christian Smith be delivered over to Major John Graham —

The Board having taken in Consideration the Case of William Laird resolved that he be discharged with paying to the Constable the Costs accrued by his Apprehension —

Jacob Kidney agreeable to order attending with Isaac Larawa and the said Larawa being examined resolved that he be discharged —

A Certificate signed by sundry of the well affected Inhabitants of Arlington in the County of Charlotte was laid before the Board from which it appears that Stephen Fairchilds who was the other day taken at Jessup's Patent and sent down by Cap^{t} Jansen has from the Commencement of the present Contest been esteemed a Friend to the American Cause resolved in Consequence of the said Certificate that the said Stephen Fairchilds be discharged on entering into a Recognizance for his future good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners

for Conspiracies when called upon during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain — 1781 May 12.

Stephen Fairchilds of Arlington in the County of Charlotte Farmer in..... £100
Joseph Hall of the City of Albany Silversmith his Bail in..... £100

It appearing from sundry Circumstances [419] that George Sittamon of the Hellebergh is a disaffected Person and that he entertains Persons who to screen themselves from Justice are lurking in the Country it is therefore Resolved that an Order be sent to the said George Sittamon forthwith to appear before this Board with a good sufficient Bail to enter into Recognizance for his good Behaviour and appearance when called upon and that the same be delivered him by Isaac Larawa —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 14th May 1781 — 1781 May 14.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

A Recommendation in Favor of Marcy French wife of Charity French who is at present with the Enemy signed by Isaac Sawyer, Benjamin Hicks, and other Zealous Friends to the American Cause was laid before the Board setting forth that the said Mar[c]y French has by John Js Bleecker Esqr been warned agreeable to the Directions of an "Act entitled "An Act for the Removal of the Families of Persons who have joined the Enemy" to depart this State or remove to such parts of it as are in the Power of the Enemy and recommending the said Marcy French as a person of an unexceptional Character and that they do not think that

1781 May 14. her remaining at her present Habitation will not in any way injure the Liberties and Independance of this and the United States resolved in Consequence of the said Recommendation that a Permit be granted to the said Marcy French for the Purpose above Mentioned —

[420] David King having been apprehend[ed] as a Person of a Suspicious Character was brought before the Board and examined and it appearing that he is a Deserter from Col[l] Van Schaick's Regiment of Continental Forces resolved thereupon that he be delivered over to Major John Graham —

Adjourned —

1781 May 15. Met Albany 15[th] May 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

Information having been given to this Board that there are at present in the East District of the Manor of Rensselarwyck two German Prisoners of war named Andries Hernockle, and Christopher Whiting who daily by their Conduct and Conversation give Offence to the Friends of the American Cause therefore resolved that a Letter be wrote to Cap[t] Jacob De Forest requesting him forthwith to apprehend and bring before us the said Andries Hernockle & Christopher Whiting —

Francis Utt formerly an Inhabitant of Tryon County appeared before the Board agreeable to our Order and being examined as to the Character and Conduct of D[r] John Tice says that Tice last Fall informed him that Sir John would come down and advised the said Francis Utt to take Protection under him and at the same Time also informed him that he knew a great Deal but could not divulge it

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because he was sworn — Resolved in Consequence of the said Information that the said John Tice be committed and that a Letter be wrote to Major Graham to request him [421] when he goes down with the Prisoners of war to West Point to take with him also the said Tice and from thence send him by the first Party that goes to Philadelphia to his Family and caution him not again to be Seen in this State during the present Contest.

William Wederwax having been apprehended & confined on Suspicion of his being concerned in the Robberies lately Committed at Claverack and it appearing that the Suspicion was ill founded and he being a Continental Soldier belonging to Coll: Van Schaick's Regt. therefore Resolved that he be delivered over to Major Graham —

Peter Davis having been confined for stealing two Publick Horses and having taken a Bounty from a Class and therewith paid for the Horses resolved that he also be delivered over to Major Graham —

Thomas Orton and Gideon Orton appeared before the Board and informed that they had agreeable to the Resolutions of this Board been removed with their Families from Jessups Patent and that being hurried away they had been obliged to leave great Part of their Effects behind and requested Permission for themselves and the other Persons whose Families were removed to go and fetch the Remainder of their Effects resolved that they have Permission granted them accordingly and that in ten days they all of them appear before this Board —

On Application of John Hodkison resolved that he have Permission granted him to go and work at Tunnicliff's Farm with Anthony Waine and that he every Evening make his Appearance before one of the Members of this Board

Adjourned —

1781 May 16. [422] Met Albany 16th May 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Stewart Dean } { Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer

Resolved that Constant King be liberated from Confinement on entering into Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain and also for his appearing at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in the City of Albany on the last Tuesday in July next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) and not to depart the Court without Leave —

Constant King of White Creek in the County of Albany Cordwainer in £100
John Fisher of Cambridge in the County aforesaid Millwright in..... £100

Archibald McNeal appearing before the Board agreeable to our Order and he requesting Permission to remain on his Farm in the Scotch Patent and the said Request being taken into Consideration Resolved thereupon that if the said Archibald McNeal take the Oath of Allegiance to this State that Permission will be granted him Accordingly —

The Board having tendered the Oath of Allegiance to Archibald McNeal and he refusing to take the same and declaring at the same Time his Intention of Not taking up Arms in Defence of the American Cause therefore resolved that he be confined & that a Mittimus be made out for him —

[423] Duncan McArthur also of the Scotch Patent being questioned as to his Political Principles and declaring his Intention of not taking up Arms in defence of the Country and

acknowledging at the same time that he was sworn for the King when Burgoyne came down therefore resolved that he also be confined and that a Mittimus be made out for him — 1781 May 16.

Lieu[t] Col[l] Henry K. Van Rensselaer appeared before the Board and informed us that Thomas Blewer who is at present under a Recognizance to this Board has refused to do his duty and has made use of Expressions which Evidently denotes his disaffection to the American Cause it is therefore Resolved that he be ordered to attend this Board on Saturday the 19[th] day of May Instant —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 17[th] May 1781 — 1781 May 17.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

On Application of John T. Fisher resolved that Abraham Person Junior be liberated from Confinement on his entering into a Recognizance with the said John T. Vischer his Surety for his Remaining within the Limits of the City of Albany and not departing the same Unless he previously obtains Permission from this Board and that he be of the good Behaviour until discharged by this Board —

Abraham Person Jun[r] of the Groote Imboght District in the County of Albany Farmer in. £100

John T. Fischer of the City of Albany Yeoman his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Major Graham who takes with [424] him to west point a Number of Continental Prisoners be requested also to take with him Thomas Gleason and deliver him to some Officer of the Line of the Troops of the Massachu[set]ts Bay —

Adjourned —

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May 18. Met Albany 18th May 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda

Resolved that Samuel Baker be liberated from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required for and during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain—

Samuel Baker of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Weaver in..... £100
Henry K. Van Rensselaer of the same place Esqr his Bail in..... £100

The Board being informed that William Jackson of New Scotland and his wife are able to give some very material Information respecting sundry Transactions in that Quarter it is therefore resolved that the said William Jackson and his wife be ordered forthwith to attend this Board —

Adjourned

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May 22. Met Albany 22nd May 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Stewart Dean, Isaac D. Fonda

William Jackson of New Scotland having been cited [425] together with his wife to appear before the Board appeared and the said Mrs Jackson being Examined under Oath says that she was informed by a man on the Road near Slingerlandt's Mill that there was a Party of the Militia coming to New Scotland that the Man was an utter Stranger to her having never seen him before ordered that she appear again before the Board this Afternoon —

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It appearing from the Description given by Mrs Jackson of the Man who met her on the Road and who informed her of the Militia coming to New Scotland that the said Person is a Servant Man at present in the Service of Major Reed therefore Resolved that Jacob Kidney be ordered to bring the said Person forthwith before the Board —

James Parke a Prisoner of War at present in Confinement made Application to the Board to be released from Confinement in Order that he may have it in his Power to provide for the Subsistanance [*sic*] of a wife and four helpless Children who are destitute of the Common Necessaries of Life and the said Request being taken into Consideration resolved thereupon that the said James Parke be released accordingly on William McLoughlins entering into a Recognizance for his remaining within the Limits of the City of Albany and surrendering himself every evening a Prisoner to the Goaler of the City and County for the Time being and also for his appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required and for his good Behaviour during that Time —

William McLoughlin of the City of Albany
Innkeeper as Bail for James Parke in.... [ ]

George Scharp of the East District of the Manor of Rensse- [426] laerwyck appeared before the Board and informed us that at the Request of Capt Jacob De Forest he had taken into his Charge Christopher Witting and that he has him here ready to produce to the Board.—

The said Christopher Witting being produced and examined as to the Charge alledged against him which he utterly denying and it appearing however necessary that he should be laid under Restrictions therefore resolved that he be bound by Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for

1781 May 22. Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Christopher Witting of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck School Master in £100

George Scharp of the same place Farmer his Bail in £100

Jacob Kidney appearing with Major Ried's Servant Man who being Examined says the Evening on which it was supposed he gave Intelligence of the Militia going to New Scotland he was by Major Ried sent to Town which he offering to swear resolved therefore that he be discharged —

Adjourned —

1781 May 24. Met Albany 24th May 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Stewart Dean

Andries Hernockle appeared before the Board and informed us that being apprized of the orders sent by us to Capt Jacob De Forest to apprehend him he had voluntarily come to surrender himself to us and the said Andries Hernockle being made [427] acquainted with the Crime alledged against him denied the same The Board however Conceiving it necessary that the said Hernockle should be laid under Restrictions — Therefore resolved that the said Andries Hernockle enter into Recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required for and during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

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Andries Hernockle of the East District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.. £100
Johan George Warner of the same Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1781 May 25.

Met Albany 25th May 1781 —

Present

Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda } John M. Beeckman

Lambert Starnbergh, Hendrick Haynes Junr, Dirck Miller, and John Schuyler having been apprehended and sent to us as Prisoners in Consequence of the Information exhibited against them by Rachel Youngs, Jacob Knieskern and Christina Enders and being severally Examined as to the Charges alledged against them — resolved that the same be taken into Consideration until to Morrow and that the said Lambert Starnbergh, Hendrick Haynes Junr Dirck Miller & John Schuyler enter into a Recognizance for their Appearance before this Board to Morrow at ten of the Clock in the Forenoon and that they be of the good Behaviour during that Time

Lambert Starnbergh of Schoharie Labourer in..... £100
Archibald Campbell of the City of Albany Merchant his Bail in..... £100
[428] Hendrick Haynes Junr of Thurlough Labourer in £100
Hendrick Haynes Senr of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Dirck Miller of Duanesburgh Farmer in.... £100
Archibald Campbell of the City of Albany Merchant his Bail in..... £100

1781 May 25. John Schuylerof Schoharie Farmer in..... £100
Peter Man Junr of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1781 May 26. Met Albany 26th May 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

The Board having resumed the Consideration of the Charges alledged against Lambert Starnbergh, Hendrick Haynes Junr, Dirck Miller, and John Schuyler and judging the same not of sufficient weight to justify their Imprisonment but at the same Time conceiving it necessary that they should be bound by Recognizance for their future good Conduct therefore resolved that they be severally bound accordingly for their good Behaviour doing their duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies whenever thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

John Schuyler of Schohary Farmer in..... £100
Peter Man of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Dirck Miller of Duanesburgh Farmer in... £100
Nicholas Starnbergh of Schohary Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Lambert Starnbergh of Schohary Farmer in. £100
Nicholas Starnbergh of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved also that the said Lambert Starnbergh and [429] Dirck Miller take the following Oath (to wit) "That they

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will behave as true and faithful Subjects of the State of New York and endeavor to support it as a True and Independant State, and that they will make known to this Board of Commissioners for detecting all Conspiracies that may be formed in this State any Plots or any thing that may come to their knowledge that is inimical or unfriendly to this or any of the United States of America or the aiding, or assisting, or the Secreting, harbouring, or Comforting any of their Enemies by any one or any of the disaffected who may be going off to them" —

Resolved that as Hendrick Haynes Junr is already under Recognizance for his good Conduct and appearance when called upon that he therefore be discharged —

The Board being informed that the Conduct of Duncan McArthur notwithstanding his Character as a disaffected Person has always been enexceptionable therefore resolved that he be discharged from Confinement and permitted to go and reside at his former place of abode in the Township of Argyle in Charlotte County —

Resolved that Archibald McNeal be discharged from Confinement on his Entering into Recognizance with a sufficient surety for his remaining within the Limits of the City of Albany and appearing before this Board on Monday next —

Archibald McNeal of the Township of Argyle in the County of Charlotte Farmer in.... £100
Evens Umphrey of Schatikook District Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Wessel Van Dyck be discharged on entering into a Recognizance for his future good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

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[430] Wessel Van Dyck of Cater's Kill in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
David Van Dyck of Niscuthaw in the County aforesaid Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Abraham Person Junr be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his future good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Abraham Person Junr of the Great Imbought Farmer in..... £100
John T. Visscher of the City of Albany Yeoman his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1781 May 28.

Met Albany 28th May 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Stewart Dean

Whereas this Board from sundry concurring Circumstances has great reason to think that Doctor George Smith and his son Terence Smith are Persons whose going at large at this Time may prove detrimental to the Safety of the State therefore resolved that Jacob Kidney be ordered to apprehend the said George Smith and Terence Smith and bring them forthwith before us —

Resolved that Abraham Dewit be discharged from Confinement on Zachariah Snyder of the Great Imboght District entering into Recognizance for the good Behaviour of the said Abraham De Witt for his doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Con-

spiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance [431] of the present War with Great Britain — 1781 May 28.

Zachariah Snyder of the Great Imboght District in the County of Albany Farmer as Bail for Abraham De Witt in..... £100

William Swain of the County of Charlotte having entered into Bond for his appearance before this Board appeared and being Examined confesses that he did entertain in his House a certain Samuel Wallace who told him that he intended to go to the Enemy and that he did at another time also entertain in his House two Men who said they were going to the Enemy resolved that the said William Swain be confined and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Jacob Kidney appeared before the Board and informed us that he has apprehended Terence Smith but that Doctor Smith was not to be found whereupon resolved that the said Terence Smith be confined and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

As those Persons who were removed from Jessup's Patent and who had our Permission to return and bring from thence the Remainder of their Effects within ten day's which is now past and as none of the said Persons have yet made their Appearance before us agreeable to order therefore resolved that a Letter be wrote to Col^{l} Cornelius Van Dyck requesting him forthwith to send down to us all the said Persons —

Archibald M^{c}Neal appearing before the Board agreeable to the Recognizance entered into by him last Saturday and having considered the Case of the said Archibald M^{c}Neal Resolved thereupon that he enter into a Recognizance with a sufficient surety for his good Behaviour and remaining [432] within the following Limits (to wit) to the North as far

1781 May 28. as the Patroon's Mill's in the Manor of Rensselaerwyck and to the East and South and West the Limits of the City of Albany —

Archibald M^{c}Neal of the Scotch Patent in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Evans Umphrey of Schatikoke in the Cou[n]ty of Albany Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that David Waters be discharged from Confinement on Martin G. Van Bergan's and Myndert Rooseboom's entering into a Recognizance for the good Behaviour of the said David Waters for his doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

Martin G. Van Bergan of the City of Albany Yeoman as Bail for David Waters in.... £100
Myndert Rooseboom of the same place Merchant also his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1781 May 29. Met Albany 29th May 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Stewart Dean

A Letter from Robert Harper Esq^{r} one of the Commissioners for Conspiracies at Poughkeepsie dated 25th Instant was laid before the Board wherein he informs us that he incloses two Letters the one from Brigadier General Waterbury dated at Stanford the 8th Instant to the Com- [433] missioners at Westchester County the other from the said Commissioners dated at Cortlandt's Manor the 17th

1781 May 29. Instant to the Commissioners for Conspiracies at Poughkeepsie from which Letters it appears that Jeremiah Smith and Henry Skinkle have been apprehended at Stanford on Suspicion of their having been to New York and sent to the said Commissioners at Poughkeepsie who as they are Inhabitants of this County have by a Recognizance conditioned in the sum of One thousand Pounds with George Smith of Claverack as their Surety bound them for their Personal Appearance before this Board on this day and the said Jeremiah Smith and Henry Skinkle appearing this Day agreeable to the Tenor of the said Recognizance and being severally examined and it appearing evident from their Examinations that they have been to New York to the Enemy therefore resolved that they be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for them —

The Examinations of the said Jeremiah Smith and Henry Skinkle being reduced to Writing are as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File)

Adjourned —

1781 May 30. Met Albany 30th May 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

Information being Given to the Board that one of the sons of Rykert Radliff is gone off to the Enemy resolved in Consequence of the said Information that the said Rykert Radliff (who entered into Recognizance for the Personal Appear-

[434] ance of his two sons John Radliff and Arent Radliff forthwith) deliver them up to this Board —

Mr Warner of King's District appeared before this Board and informed us that at the Request of Col- Whiting he waited upon us in Order to inform the Board that a Number

1781 May 30. of the People called Shaking Quakers had lately purchased Arms & Ammunition which was supposed to be done by them with a View to assist the Enemy should they come into the Country resolved in Consequence of the said Information that a Letter be wrote to Col^{l} Whiting requesting him to collect every Piece of Evidence concerning the above Transactions and such Persons against whom he can Obtain Proof to send us together with the Evidence against each particular Person —

The Honorable Brigadier General Clinton having suggested to the Board the necessity of having the disaffected Inhabitants residing at Ballstown removed from thence with their Families and Effects — resolved thereupon that a Letter be wrote to the Commissioners for Conspiracies at Schenectady requesting them as soon as possible to have all the Disaffected of Ballstown removed to the Interior Parts of this Country —

There being an absolute Necessity that the Families of those Persons who have gone off to the Enemy should be removed within the Enemies Lines and the Legislature having at their last Sitting passed a Law for their Removal which said Law has not as yet been published therefore resolved that a Letter be wrote to the Secretary of State requesting him by the first Conveyance to send to us a certified Copy of the said Act —

Resolved that Lukas Dewitt be discharged from [435] Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his Duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the Present War with Great Britain and America —

Lukas Dewitt of the Great Imbought Farmer in..... £100
Jacobus Perse of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

1781 May 30.

Resolved that John C. Person be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War between Great Britain and America —

John C. Person of the Great Imbought District Farmer in..... £100
Jacob Van Olinda of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Peter Larawa be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

Peter Larawa of Ulster County Farmer...in. £100
Peter West of the same place Farmer his Bail in. £100

Resolved that Lukas DeWitt Junr be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain And also for his appearance at the next Court of General [436] Sessions of the Peace to be held for the City and County of Albany at the City Hall in said City on the first Tuesday in June next to answer unto all such Matters and things as [s]hall be then and there alledged against him and not to depart the said Court without Leave —

Lukas Dewitt Junr of Coocksakie District Farmer in..... £100
Zachariah Snyder of Great Imbought District Farmer his Bail in..... £100

1781 May 30. Resolved that Teunis Reipenbergh be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

Teunis Reipenbergh of Livingston's Manor Farmer in..... £300
Hendrick Reipenbergh of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £300

Stephen Bell appeared before the Board and informed us that in his way from Hosick to this place he met Dr Smith, Abraham Ja: Lansing, Levines Lansing, Thomas Lambson and some other Persons and that Dr Smith requested him in a particular Manner to avoid mentioning that he had seen him at that Place and it appearing probable that the said Dr Smith will pass through Bennington on his way to Canada Therefore Resolved that a Letter be wrote to Joseph Fay Esqr at Bennington requesting him to have the said Dr Smith apprehended if possible which Letter is in the following words (to wit) (see Copy Letter on File)

Ordered that the said Letter be dispatched to Bennington by Express —

[437] Samuel Stringer Esqr advanced to the Express Eight Dollars of the New Emission to defray his Expences on the Road —[1]

Adjourned —

1781 May 31. Met Albany 31st May 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

[1] Included in Stringer's sworn statement, October 21, 1784, in *Revolutionary Manuscripts*, vol. 40, p. 160, State Comptroller's office.

1781 May 31.

James Brisben appeared before the Board and laid before us a Certificate signed by Cap[t] Hezekiah Dunham and a Number of Persons Friends to the Ameri can Cause certifying that the said James Brisben has since the surrender of General Burgoyne behaved himself well in every Respect and that they are willing that he should be permitted to remain at his Place of Abode at Saragtoga, and Peter Scharp who is Bail for the said James Brisben agreeing to the same and the said Certificate being taken into Consideration resolved thereupon that Permission be granted him accordingly

Information being given to the Board that Robert Fullerton of Nistageune did converse with Philip Ryley Jun[r] on the very day when said Ryley went off to the Enemy and there being great Reason to suspect that the said Robert Fullerton was privy to the said Ryley's going off and to his Intention of taking off with him two young Men by the Name of Devoe —

It is therefore resolved that Jacob Kidney be ordered to bring the said Robert Fullerton forthwith before the Board —

Jacob Kidney appearing informed that he had Robert Fullerton ready to produce to the Board and the said Fullerton [438] being called in and Examined under Oath confesses that he did converse with Philip Ryley the day he went off but did not know of his Intention whereupon resolved that the said Robert Fullerton be discharged —

Barney Cadogan of Schohary one of the Persons complained of in the Affidavit's laid before this Board by William Dietz Esq[r] appeared before the Board and laid before us sundry Recommendations from the Officers of the Militia Regiment commanded by Col[l] Peter Vrooman which said Recommendations being taken into Consideration thereupon resolved that they [*sic*] said Barney Cadogan be discharged —

1781 May 31. Resolved that a Letter be wrote to Col^{l} Vrooman to inform him that Hendrick Hoff and another Person from the Enemy have lately been seen at the Hellebergh and to request him to detach a Party to apprehend them —

Adjourned —

1781 June 1. Met Albany 1st June 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

Rykert Radliff who was ordered to deliver up to this Board his two sons John Radliff and Arent Radliff appeared and informed us that his sons are not gone off to the Enemy and as a proof of the same requested that Lieu^{t} Moses Hudson might be Examined on that subject and it appearing by the Information of the said Lieu^{t} Hudson that the said John Radliff and Arent Radliff are at present at Home therefore resolved that the said Rykert Radliff be discharged —

[439] The Honorable Brigadier General James Clinton having thought proper on the Application of this Board to detain in this City a Party of the Levies to be under the Direction of this Board and Ensign Philip Herwig being appointed to take the Charge and command of the said Men resolved that Instructions be made out for the said Ensign Herwig which Instructions are as follows (to wit) (see Copy Instructions on File) —

A Letter from Joseph Fay Esq^{r} of this day's date in Answer to the Letter sent him by Express on the 30th of May last was laid before the Board wherein he Informs that D^{r} Smith is at Bennington where he has surrendered himself as a Prisoner which Letter is as follows (to wit) (see Letter on File) —

Resolved that a Letter be wrote to Joseph Fay Esq[r] in answer to the above Letter which is in the words following (to wit) (see draught Letter on File) — 1781 June 1.

Adjourned —

Met Albany 2[nd] June 1781 — 1781 June 2.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

A Letter from Col[l] Anthony Van Bergen of Cooksakie of this day's Date was laid before the Board wherein he informs that he sends to us a Man who he has caused to be apprehended who calls himself John Walker and the said John Walker being brought before the Board and Examined and not being able to give a Satisfactory Account of himself therefore resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

[440] William Dewitt appeared before the Board and informed us that being on his way from Philadelphia to this Place he was this day on the Kinderhook Road about eight Miles from this City taken a Prisoner by Hans Walltimyer who after detaining him some Time and asking him a Number of Questions gave him his Liberty Resolved that the above Information be immediately communicated to General Clinton and General Gansevoort in order that some Plan may be fallen upon to apprehend the said Waltimyer —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 3[d] June 1781 — 1781 June 3.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

1731 June 3. Philip Herwig having been ordered with his Party of Men to apprehend Abraham Ja: Lansing, Levines Lansing & Thomas Lambson who were charged with conveying away Doctor George Smith and having apprehended the said Persons agreeable to order and they being brought before the Board and Examined and it appearing from their Examinations that their Meeting with Dr Smith was merely Accidental and that they were no way concerned in his Escape therefore resolved that they be discharged —

Resolved that Ensign Herwig with his Party of Men go to Capt Woodward's on the Kinderhook Road and their remain untill they are joined by William Dewit who will direct them to the Place where he [441] was made prisoner by Waltimyer who they will endeavour to apprehend —

Adjourned—

1781 June 4. Met Albany 4th June 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

Coll Killian Van Rensselaer appeared before the Board and informed us that he has received undoubted Information that Walltimyer is yet on the East side of the River and that he thinks he may be apprehended in Case proper Exertions be made for that Purpose — Resolved that it be recommended to Coll Rensselaer to order the Militia at Schodack to keep a guard along the shore at that Place to prevent Waltimyer's crossing the River —

The Reverend Samuel Swertfeger appeared before the Board and requested Permission to go to Dutchess County for the Purpose of looking for a Place to remove his Family to; which request being taken into Consideration — Resolved that he have Permission Accordingly —

1781 June 4.

Simeon Garret appeared before the Board & informed that he has this morning been taken Prisoner by Hans Waltimyer who after detaining him some Time in the woods discharged him —

Resolved in Consequence of the above Information that General Schuyler and General Gansevoort be sent for to consult him on the most Effectual way to have the said Walltimyer apprehended —

Adjourned —

1781 June 5.

[442] Met Albany 5th June 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

Adam Beam of the New City having been cited to appear before this Board for having conveyed Dr Smith in a Waggon to Bennington and appearing this day agreeable to order and being examined and it appearing from his Examination that he was altogether unacquainted with Dr Smith's Character and Situation therefore resolved that he be discharged —

It appearing to this Board from the Examination of Simeon Garret that Walltimyer has slept several Nights in the Barn of John Ver Plank of Coyeman's Patent and there being reason to suppose that the Information respecting the said John Ver Planck is true from his Character of Disaffection and the said John Ver Planck being at present in this place — Therefore resolved that Jacob Kidney be ordered to bring him forthwith before the Board —

Jacob Kidney appearing with John Ver Planck and he being Examined with Respect to Walltimyer's sleeping in his Barn and he being ready to swear that he never knew of said

1781 June 5. Walltimyer being there which Assertion being deemed satisfactory to the Board therefore resolved that he be discharged —

Adjourned

1781 June 6. [443] Met Albany 6th June 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean, Isaac D. Fonda

Jeremiah Smith and Hendrick Skinkle who were some Time ago committed being brought before the Board were again Examined and being unwilling to make answers to the Questions proposed to them therefore resolved that they be recommitted —

It appearing to this Board that Peter Huyck has forfeited the Recognizance by him entered into before this Board ordered therefore that the Secretary make out the said Recognizance and transmit the same to the Attorney General in Order to its being prosecuted —

Nathaniel Cotton of Cooksakie being a material Witness against William Hartley who was some Time since confined as a spy from the Enemy and as the said William Hartley is to receive his Tryal by a Court Martial therefore Resolved that the said Nathaniel Cotton be cited to appear forthwith before this Board —

John Walker who was on the 2nd Instant apprehended on Suspicion by order of Col. Van Bergen was brought before the Board and being Examined says that he is a Continental Soldier belonging to the Massachusets Line and that he has deserted from West Point resolved that the said John Walker be delivered over to Col. Van Schaick whose Regiment is now on their way to West Point —

A Letter from Joseph Fay Esq[r] dated at Bennington on the 3[d] Instant was laid before the Board which Letter is in the following words (to wit) (see Letter on File) — 1781 June 6.

Adjourned —

[444] Met Albany 9[th] June 1781 — 1781 June 9.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

William Parker, John Wait, Isabel Parker, Jane Wait, and James Parker Inhabitants of Tryon County having been apprehended for harbouring and supplying Parties from the Enemy with Provisions and being brought before the Board and it appearing from their Examinations that they have received Letters from the enemy therefore resolved that William Parker and John Wait be committed and that Isabel Parker, Jane Wait and James Parker have Permission to return to their Places of Abode to fetch from thence their Families and Effects —

Resolved that a Mittimus be m[a]de out for William Parker and John Wait —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 13[th] June 1781 1781 June 13.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

Hugh Mitchell and Abraham Outhout Esq[rs] Commissioners for Conspiracies from Schenectady informed the Board that there are a Number of Persons at the Hellebergh who have harboured Walltimyer and Bettis and that there is

1781 June 13. a Necessity at this Time of removing from thence such Persons and the other disaffected Inhabitants in that Quarter and this Board being convinced of the Necessity of such a [445] measure especially as the Enemy are daily expected upon the Frontiers —

Therefore Resolved that it be recommended to the said Hugh Mitchell and Abraham Outhout to send a Party of men from Schenectady to apprehend some of those who are most notoriously disaffected in that Quarter and this Board will also send a Party that way to apprehend Joseph Bettis who is reported is still there —

Resolved that Col^{l} Anthony Van Bergen be requested to send a party of his Regiment to Peesink and places Adjacent to apprehend all suspected Persons in that Quarter —

The Board having received Information from Col^{l} Van Bergen that Robert Tripp being looked upon as a dangerous Person therefore Resolved that a warrant be made out for him and delivered to Col^{l} Van Bergen to have the same served —

The Board having received Information that a certain Scott who is at present at New York has a Quantity of Wheat stored at Moore's at Kat's Kill and as the same ought to be seized for the use of the Publick therefore resolved that a Letter be wrote to Hezekiah Van Orden Esq^{r} requesting him to make Enquiry concerning the said Wheat and have the same seized for the Public Use agreeable to Law which Letter is in the words following (to wit) (see Copy Letter on File)

A Letter from Teunis Van Wagenen dated at Kat's Kill dated the 26th Ultimo was laid before the Board which Letter is in the following words (to wit) (see Letter on File) —

Adjourned —

[446] Met Albany 14th June 1781 — 1781 June 14.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

As there are a Number of disaffected Persons in the Regiment at present commanded by Major Ezekiel Taylor some of whom as they live upon the Frontiers it is necessary should be removed therefore resolved that Major Taylor be requested to furnish this Board as soon as possible with a List of his Regiment together with the Political Character of Each Man —

Capt. John Grote appeared before the Board with Edward McGurkey who he informed us he had apprehended for endeavouring to enlist him the said John Grote for the Service of the King of Great Britain And producing a Guinea delivered him by the said Edward McGurkey as a Bounty and the said McGurkey being Examined confessing that he has taken an Oath to be true to the King resolved that he be confined and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

It being represented to the Board that Robert Bohannah of Nistageune is a dangerous and disaffected Person and there being Reason to suspect that he harbours persons from the Enemy It is therefore resolved that a warrant be made out directed to Philip Herwig to apprehend the said Robert Bohannah and that Nicholas Van Vranken of Nistageune be requested to assist the said Philip Herwig in the Execution of the above Warrant —

Adjourned —

[447] Met Albany 15th June 1781 — 1781 June 15.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

June 15. 1781 Capt John Grote appearing before the Board for the Purpose of being Examined with Respect to Edward McGurkey was examined accordingly and his Examination is in the words following (to wit) (see Examination on File) —

John Oliver, Jacob Daniels, Francis Winne and Eli Arnold having been present at the Time that Edward McGurkey attempted to Enlist John Grote and having been Ordered to appear before the Board to be Examined concerning the same and attending for that Purpose were severally examined and their examinations are as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File) —

Adjourned —

1781 June 16. Met Albany 16th June 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

Robert Bohannah for whose Apprehension a warrant was on the 14th Instant made out being brought before the Board by Philip Herwig and the Charges as alledged against him being read to him, he utterly denied the same and as a proff of his Innocence offered to take up and bring before this Board all Persons who he finds travelling through that Part of the Country where he resides and the Board being of Opinion that by discharging the said Robert Bohannah they may receive such Information from him respecting [448] Joe Bettis and others as may enable the Board to have them apprehended therefore resolved that he be discharged —

Robert Brisben of Saragtoga having entered into Recognizance before this Board and having since gone off to Canada and joined the Enemy and Jonathan Pettit his Bail being called upon to pay the Recognizance Money and appearing

for that Purpose resolved that the same amounting to 237 Dollars of the Money Emitted pursuant to a Resolution of the 18th of March be received and delivered over into the Hands of the Secretary to this Board — 1781 June 16.

Resolved that the List received from Major Ezekiel Taylor of the Regiment under his Command be transmitted to the Commissioners for Conspiracies at Schenectady —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 18th June 1781 — 1781 June 18.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } Samuel Stringer

The Honorable Brigadier General James Clinton having requested the Board to take the Examinations of William Empie and Randell Hewit who were taken Prisoners by a Party of Oneyda Indians near Crown Point and they being brought before the Board and examined say as follows (to wit) (see their Examinations on File) —

Resolved that they be recommitted —

Adjourned —

[449] Met Albany 19th June 1781 — 1781 June 19.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } Samuel Stringer

The Board having taken into Consideration the Complaint exhibited to us by a Number of the approved Friends to the American Cause residing at the Hellebergh and places adjoining and being of Opinion from the frequent Parties from the enemy who are harboured in that Quarter by the

1781 June 19. disaffected; that such as are reputed dangerous Persons should be removed from that part of the Country and the Board having been furnished with List's of the names of the Persons belonging to the Companies of Cap^{t} Van Aernam, Cap^{t} Luke, Cap^{t} Grote, and Cap^{t} Slingerlandt and with the character of Each particular Person.

Resolved that the said List's be delivered to the Officer commanding the Party detached by General Clinton at the request of this Board to carry the above into Execution.

Isaac Sheldon Constable appeared before the Board & informed that he had apprehended two Persons at Stephen Town who appeared to be of suspicious Characters and the said Persons being brought in and Examined say their Names are John Cane and Jesse Adams and not giving a satisfactory Account of themselves resolved that they be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for them.

Col^{l} Van Bergen having at the Request of this Board caused Robert Trip to be apprehended for harbouring Walltimyer and the said Robert Trip being brought before the Board and Examined his Examination is in the words following (to wit) (see Examinations on File) —

Adjourned —

1781 June 21. [450] Met Albany 21st June 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

William Epie who was on the 18th Instant committed was ordered to be brought before the Board and being again Examined his Examination is in the following words (to wit) (see Examination on File)

Randell Hewitt who was also on the 18th Instant committed

was ordered to be brought before the Board & being Examined his examination is in words following (to wit) (see his Examination on File) 1781 June 21.

Adjourned.

Met Albany 26th June 1781 — 1781 June 26.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda

Jacob Barger appeared before the Board and informed us that he had apprehended a certain John Anderson who appears to him to be of a suspicious Character and the said John Anderson being brought in and Examined and not giving a satisfactory account of himself therefore resolved that he be committed and that a mittimus be made out for Him —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 28th June 1781 — 1781 June 28.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

Ephraim Hopping appeared before the Board and [451] informs that he is lately deserted from Canada where he has been some Time as a Prisoner and produced a Pass of Thomas Chittendon Esqr to come to this Place and he being desirous of going to his Excellency Governor Clinton at Poughkeepsie resolved that a pass for that purpose be given him —

Peter Seeger having been ordered to appear before the Board appeared and was Examined —

Major John Graham having with a Party of Men been

1781 June 28. detached to the Hellebergh in order to apprehend Joe Bettis and other Emissaries from the enemy in that Quarter and having apprehended Jellis Legrange for harbouring the said Bettis and having also apprehended a certain John Low on suspicion and the said Jellis Legrange and John Low being Examined resolved as nothing appears against the said John Low that he be discharged and that Jellis Legrange be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Cornelius Van Sice being ordered to appear before the Board and being Examined says that the above mentioned Jellis Legrange brought him to Joe Bettis to Enlist which Examination is as follows (see Examination on File) —

Adjourned —

1781 June 29. Met Albany 29th June 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

The Examination's of John Bardine and Ebenezer French taken by William Schuyler, William Harper and David McMaster Esqrs Justices of the Peace for the County of Tryon [452] were laid before the Board and it appearing from the said Examinations that Isaac Lawson who the said Justices have caused to be apprehended and sent to us is a Dangerous and disaffected Person therefore resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Adjourned —

1781 June 30. Met Albany 30th June 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

1781 June 30.

Resolved that Robert Trip be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain and also for his appearance at the next supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York on the last Tuesday in July next at the City Hall in the City of Albany (or whosoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) then and there to answer unto such things as shall be there alledged against him and not depart the Court without Leave —

Robert Trip of Acquatough in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Gideon Trip of King's District in the County aforesaid Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1781 July 1.

[453] Met Albany 31st June [*sic for* July 1] 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda

Simon Relea, Daniel Relea, David Relea, George Sidnam, John Van Alstyne, Teunis Van Alstyne, Roeliff Seeger, and Evert Johnson having been apprehended by Major Graham for harbouring Joseph Bettis and other Emissaries from the Enemy and they being brought before the Board and Examined and the Charges against them appearing to be well founded therefore resolved that they be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for them —

Adjourned —

1781 July 5. Met Albany 5th July 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } Samuel Stringer

A Letter from Hugh Mitchell Esqr one of the Commissioners for Conspiracies at Schenectady was laid before the Board setting forth that Petrus Wermer who is at present in Confinement has by the Commissioners at Schenectady been bound by Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearance when called upon and Requesting that the said Petrus Wermer may be liberated unless some material Charges can be alledged against him and the sd request being taken into Consideration and as no perticular Charges have yet been alledged against him the said Petrus Wermer therefore resolved that he be discharged —

Adjourned —

1781 July 6. [454] Met Albany 6th 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda

Peter Van Slyck residing near Cooksakie appearing before the Board informs us that a Party of Robbers headed by a certain Joseph Smith (formerly a servant of Walltimyer) did on the first Instant enter his House and steel a Number of Articles of him and that in attempting to make his Escape they fired at him and wounded him in the Arm and that they took Prisoner at his House Peter Clauw who has since made his Escape from them and is this day come to Town and the said Peter Clauw appearing before the Board & being examined says as follows (to wit) (see his examination on File)

Adjourned —

1781 July 7.

Met Albany 7th July 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } Samuel Stringer

Col! Veeder appeared before the Board and requested the liberation of Coenradt Coen from Confinement as the said Coenradt Coen has always discovered a Willingness to do his duty when required and the said request being taken into Consideration resolved in Consequence thereof that the said Coenradt Coen be discharged from Confinement and cautioned against associating with disaffected Persons in Future —

[455] Resolved that Peter Relea be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain —

Peter Relea of the west District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in..... £100
Martin Sybert of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1781 July 8.

Met Albany 8th July 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } Samuel Stringer

John Loe appeared before the Board and requested Permission to go and reside at Christian Sant's at the Bever Dam resolved that Permission be granted him accordingly on the said Christian Sant's entering into a Recognizance

1781 July 8 for the good Behaviour of the said John Loe and for his doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

Christian Sant of the Bever Dam in the County of Albany Farmer as Bail for John Loe in..... £100

The Honorable Brigadier General James Clinton having signified to this Board his Approbation of Randell Hewit a Prisoner of war being liberated from Confinement upon giving Security to this Board to appear when called upon resolved therefore that he be liberated accordingly on Ephraim Hewit his Father [456] entering into a Recognizance for his remaining within the Limits of the Farm at present in Possession of the said Ephraim Hewit at Keyaderoseras and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when called upon and for his good Behaviour until he shall be Exchanged or otherwise di[s]posed of —

Ephraim Hewit of Keyaderoseras Patent in the County of Albany Farmer Bail for Randell Hewit in..... £100

A Letter from Col[l]. Van Bergen dated at Cooksakie the 4[th] Instant was laid before the Board inclosing the Examinations of Teunis Hoogteling, Peter Finehout, William Davis, and Israel Kelsey concerning the Robbery committed at Peter Van Slyck's which Letter and Examinations are as follows (to wit) (see Examinations & Letter on File) —

It appearing to this Board from the Examination of Peter Clauw that the Party who robbed Van Sluyck stopped at the House of Adrian Bradt at Niscuthaw and that Joe

Smith one of the said Party conversed for some time in private with the said Adrian Bradt and as the said Adrian Bradt has not given any Information concer[n]ing the said Party therefore resolved that he be ordered to appear before this Board to Morrow Morning — 1781 July 8.

Adjourned —

Met Albany 10th July 1781 — 1781 July 10.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

It appearing from the Examination of Peter [457] Clauw that Adrian Bradt Junr (son of Adrian Bradt) was at Home when the party who robbed Peter Van Slyck was at his Father's House and that he conversed with them and the said Adrian Bradt Junr having been apprehended by Jacob Kidney and brought before the Board and being examined as to the same resolved that he enter into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain.

Andrian Bradt Junr of Niscuthaw in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
Peter S. Seeger of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adrian Bradt having been cited to appear before the Board appeared and was Examined and the said Adrian Bradt appearing to be much indisposed and as his being confined at this Time may endanger his Life therefore resolved that he enter into Recognizance with sufficient sureties for his remaining within the Limits of this City

1781 July 10. untill discharged by this Board and for his good Behaviour in the mean Time —

Adrian Bradt of Niscuthaw in the County of Albany Farmer in..... £100
James Van Zandt of the City of Albany Carpenter his Bail in..... £100
John Van Nist of the Normans Kill in the County of Albany Farmer also his Bail in. £100

Frederick Miller (son in Law of Adrian Bradt) having been cited to appear before the Board and being examined with Respect to the Party who robbed Van Slyck and who were at the said Adrian Bradt's and it appearing that he had no Conver- [458] sation with the said Party, yet on Account of his Connection with the said Adrian Bradt, It is resolved that he enter into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required until discharged by this Board.

Frederick Miller of Niscuthaw in the County of Albany Cordwainer in..... £100
John N. Smith of the same place Wheelwright his Bail in..... £100

Lieu[t] David Hustead Appeared before the Board with Lucius Palmer, Gideon Palmer, Isaac Palmer, Simon Chesley and Comfort Marks who he had apprehended on account of their intending to go to Canada & they being severally examined resolved that they be confined —

Adjourned —

1781 July 11. Met Albany 11[th] July 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

1781 July 11. Lucius Palmer, Gideon Palmer, Isaac Palmer, Simon Chesley and Comfort Marks who were Yesterday confined being again brought before the Board and Examined as to their Intention of going to the Enemy at Canada — Resolved on Account of the youth and Inexperience of the said Lucius Palmer, George Palmer, Isaac Palmer, Simon Chesley and Comfort Marks and their Candid Acknowledgement's that they be discharged on their taking the following Oath, (to wit) —

I do swear upon the holy Evangelists of Almighty god that I will be true to the State of New York and [459] will Conduct myself as a good and faithful subject of the said State ought to do; that and I will not aid, comfort, council with, or Assist in any way whatever any of the Enemies of the said State of New York or the United States of America and that I will immediately make known any Plots that may be intended against any of the said United States and discover that may come to my knowledge any of their Enemies whenever I [k]now there are any lurking about in the Country to any Officer or to the Board of Commissioners — So help me God —

Adjourned —

1781 July 16. Met Albany 16th July 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Jacobus Van Sante appearing before the Board requested to deliver up in Discharge of himself Adrian Bradt. resolved that the said Jacobus Van Sante be discharged from the Recognizance by him entered into for the said Adrian Bradt and that the said Adrian Bradt be confined and a Mittimus be made out for him —

1781 July 16. Elizabeth Burrows having been Ordered to appear before the Board and appearing and being examined as to Joe Smith and his Party and she positively denying her having seen the said Smith or any of his Party resolved that she be discharged —

Gerrit Seeger having also been cited to appear before the Board and appearing and being Examined his Examination is as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File) —

Adjourned —

1781 July 19. [460] Met Albany 19th July 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

Adrian Bradt Junr, Evert Sixbey, Jacobus Van Valkenburgh, Alexander Conning and Ann Conning his wife and Richard Kerknaer having been apprehended for harbouring and supplying with Provisions the Party who robbed Peter Van Slyck and being brought before the Board and severally examined resolved that they be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for them —

Adjourned —

1781 July 20. Met Albany 20th July 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

Lucas Taylor being charged with being privy to the harbouring of the Party who robbed Van Slyck being brought before the Board and Examined resolved that he enter into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies during the Continuance of the present war with

Great Britain and for his Appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in this City on the last Tuesday in July Instant (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) to answer to such Matters as shall be alledged against him and not to depart the Court without Leave— 1781 July 20.

Lucas Taylor of the West District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck in..... £100
[461] Gerrit Van Wie of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Staats Bradt who was also charged with being privy to the harbouring Joe Smith and the rest of the Party who robbed Peter Van Slyck being brought before the Board resolved that he enter into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies during the Continuance of the present war with Great Britain and for his Appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in this City on the last Tuesday in July next (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) to answer to such Matters as shall be alledged against him and not to depart the Court without Leave —

Staats Bradt of the West District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £100
Gerrit Van Wie of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Jacob France of Thurlough, charged by William Summer with having assisted in the destruction of Currey Town being brought before the Board and Examined resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Adjourned

1781 July 21.

Met Albany 21st July 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

Resolved that a letter be wrote to Hugh Mitchell Esqr at Schenectady requesting him to take Cornelius Van Sice's Recognizance for his appearance at the next supream Court and transmit the same to this Board —

[462] A Letter from Zepheniah Batchelder Esqr Justice of the Peace of Tryon County was laid before the Board wherein he informs that John Cuppernul who formerly resided at Stonearabia is removed to Schohary, and the said John Cuppernul being a material Witness against Jacob J. Truax —

Resolved in Consequence of the said Letter that a Letter be wrote to Peter Vrooman Esqr at Schohary requesting him to take the said John Cuppernull's Recognizance for his appearance at the next supream Court and transmit the same to this Board to be handed to the Court —

Evert Jansen being committed on a charge of having harboured Joseph Bettis was brought before the Board and Examined Ordered that he be recommitted —

Adjourned —

1781 July 23.

Met Albany 23d July 1781 —

[Present]

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

Jacob France of Thurlough who was committed on the 20th Instant being brought before the Board and Examined saith as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File) — Ordered that he be recommitted —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 24th July 1781 — 1781 July 24.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda

William summer of Thurlough having been sent to Goal by Col[l] Willet on Account of his having assisted the [463] Enemy in the Destruction of Currey Town being brought before the Board and Examined saith as follows (see Examination on File) — Ordered that he be recommitted —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 25th July 1781 — 1781 July 25.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } Samuel Stringer

Resolved that Anne Conning be liberated from Confinement on James Jolley's entering into a Recognizance for her Appearance at the next Supream Court of Judicature to be held for the State of New York at the City Hall in the City of Albany on the last Tuesday in July Instant (or wheresoever the said Court shall then be held in the State aforesaid) to answer to such Matters as shall be alledged against her and not to depart the Court without leave —

James Jolly of the West District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer as Bail for Anne Conning in £100

Henry Haines, Coenradt Brown, Frederick Merkle, Michael Merkle, Christian Merkle, Mathias Merkle, Ann Frets, Henry Haines Jun[r], Christopher Redick, Henry Frandts, Coenradt Hopper, Jacobus Hopper, George Walker, John Summer, Christian Minor, Michael Frederick, Johannis

1781 July 25. Coenradt, Christian Ottman, Jacob Haines, David Coffman, and George Cross having been apprehended by order of Col[l]. Willett on the Charge alledged against him [them] by William Summer of their having Assisted the Enemy in the Destruction of Currey Town and they being sent down to this Board resolved that they be confined and that a Mittimus be made out for them —

[464] It appearing from the Examination of William Summer that William Petrie Esq[r] of Tryon County will be wanted as a witness at the ensuing Supream Court against the above mentioned Persons from Thurlough therefore resolved that a Letter be wrote to him requesting his Attendance at that Time —

Resolved that a Letter be also wrote to David Lewis requesting his attendance at the next Supream Court as a witness against the above mentioned from Thurlough —

Adjourned —

1781 July 26. Met Albany 26[th] July 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Haze[l]ton Spencer who was some time ago with the approbation of General Clinton liberated from Confinement and restricted to the Limits of this City appeared before the Board and laid before us a further Approbation of General Clinton to permit the said Hazelton Spencer to go and reside at the New City and the same having been taken into Consideration and Abraham Jacob Lansing who is surety for the said Hazelton Spencer consenting to the same therefore resolved that the said Hazelton Spencer have leave accordingly and that he be ordered to make his appearance before this

Board once every Week during the time he remains at the New City as aforesaid. 1781 July 26.

William Somer being brought before the Board was again Examined and ordered to be recommitted

Adjourned —

[465] Met Albany 27th July 1781 — 1781 July 27.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Christina Hooper formerly of Thurlough in Tryon County having been cited to appear before the Board and she appearing this day agreeable to the said Order and being Examined as to the Thurlough Inhabitants saith as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File) —

Coenradt Brown, Christian Ottman, and Jacob Haines Junr being brought before the Board were Examined and Ordered to be recommitted —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 28th July 1781 — 1781 July 28.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

A Letter from Hugh Mitchell Esqr dated 27th Instant was laid before the Board informing that he sends down under Guard John Ward who was apprehended near Ballstown and was supposed to be on his way to Canada —

And the said John Ward being brought before the Board and examined and it appearing that he is a Deserter from the Enemy and has hitherto conducted himself well therefore resolved that he be discharged —

1781 July 28. Archibald McNeal appeared before the Board and requested Permission to go to his Place of abode at the Scotch Patent to which his Bail Evans Umphrey consenting resolved that he [466] have Permission accordingly until the first day of September next —

Adjourned —

1781 July 30. Met Albany 30th July 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

A Letter from Flores Bancker Esqr dated 29th Instant was laid before the Board setting forth that a Number of disaffected Persons have lately been removed from the Western Frontiers to the East side of the River who he has great Reason to beleive from sundry Circumstances are meditating some Scheme against the wellfare of the State and requesting directions what steps it will be necessary to take with the above Persons —

And the subject of the above Letter being taken into Consideration — Resolved that it be recommended to the said Flores Bancker to make every possible discovery with Respect to the above Matter and transmit the same without delay to this Board —

It appearing from the Examination of William Summer that Christopher France formerly an Inhabitant of Thurlough who at present resides at Nistageune was in the Year 1778 on his way to join Genl St Ledger when he had invested Fort Schuyler and that he last Fall also went to Schohary to assist Sir John Johnson in the destruction of Schohary resolved therefore that a warrant be made [467] out directed to Jacob Kidney to apprehend the said Christopher France and forthwith bring him before the Board —

1781 July 30.

The Board having received Information that Arthur Hewit of Pits Town is able to give some very material Information respecting Simeon Smith therefore resolved that the said Arthur Hewit be cited to appear before this Board in Order that he may be examined as to the Conduct of the said Simeon Smith —

Jellis Legrange requesting to be brought before the Board informed us that Joseph Bettis with some others are lately come from Canada and that there is a Prospect in case a Party of Men should be sent out that the said Bettis might be apprehended —

Resolved that in Consequence of the said Information that application be immediately made for a Party of Continental Troops to go in search of the said Joseph Bettis and that the said Party be directed to go to the House of the said Jellis Legrange and one Flager where they will strictly search for them —

Adjourned —

1781 July 31.

Met Albany 31st July 1781

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Jellis Legrange again requesting to be brought before the Board & being brought accordingly says that Hans Waltymier is lately also come from Canada that he has brought Dispatches for some Persons in this City and that he Yesterday was in Town with them [468] resolved that it be recommended to the said Jellis Legrange to make what further discoveries he is able and that this Board will in that Case use their Influence with the Supream Court to procure his liberation from Confinement —

Christian Legrange appeared before the Board and in-

1781 July 31. formed that Joe Bettis has this day been at his House and that the said Bettis informed the said Christian Legrange's wife that he is this night to be at the House of one Fagler whose son went to Canada some Time since with the said Joe Bettis in Consequence of which Information resolved that the Honorable Brigadier Gen^{l} James Clinton be requested to order out a Party of Col^{l} Cortlandt's Regiment to apprehend the said Joe Bettis

Adjourned —

1781 Aug. 2. Met Albany 2nd August 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Resolved that Hendrick Haines of Thurlough be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour and appearance before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

Hendrick Haines of Thurlough in the County of Tryon Farmer in..... £100
John Roff of the City of Albany Merchant his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned —

1781 Aug. 4. [469] Met Albany 4th August 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } { Isaac D. Fonda

Resolved that Rykert Kerknaer be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour

doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain — 1781 Aug. 4.

Rykert Kernaer of the West District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in..... £100
Francis Rosseau of the same Place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Michael Bruce enter into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

Michael Bruce of the West District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in.... £100
Joshua Bloore of the City of Albany Merchant his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned

Met Albany 6th August 1781 — 1781 Aug. 6.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

Edward McGurkey confined on the Complaint of Capt John Groote for endeavoring to enlist the said John Groot[e] [470] for the service of the enemy was brought before the Board and as no Indictment has been found against him — Therefore resolved that he be discharged from Confinement—

Adjourned

Met Albany 7th August 1781 1781 Aug. 7.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

1781 Aug. 7. Resolved that Jacobus Van Valkenburgh be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

Jacobus Van Valkenburgh of the West District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in..... £100
John Oliver of the same place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Christian Merkle of Thurlough at present in Confinement being very Ill and as a Continuance in his present Situation may endanger his Life — Therefore resolved that he have Permission to go to the House of Christian Earing in this City untill he is recovered of his Indisposition —

Adjourned —

1781 Aug. 8. Met Albany 8th August 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

An Attempt having last Night been made by [471] Hans Waltimier with a Party of Men to carry off General Schuyler and it appearing probable that he will endeavour to Escape by the way of the Nistageune Road —

It is therefore Resolved that a Letter be wrote to Coll. Philip Schuyler requesting him to detach Capt. Levinis Lansing's Company to go to the Wothoyct[1] and there remain until to Morrow Morning and that he dispose of the Re-

[1] Evidently written corruptly for Uytkyck, a hill on the old road to Niskayuna; also written at times as Kyck-uyt, and in English as Outlook.

mainder of his Men in such a Way as he may judge best to intercept the said Waltimier and his Party — 1781 Aug. 8.

Resolved also that a Letter be wrote to Col[l] John H. Beeckman at Schodack to order out a Party of his Regiment to Guard the shore from the Kinderhook Dock to Schodack in Case Waltimier may Attempt to Cross the River

It being represented to the Board that James Dunneway of this City has been sworn by a Party of Men in the Woods — Resolved in Consequence of the said Information that the said James Dunneway be sent for and Examined —

James Dunneway appearing and being Examined says that a few days ago he was in the Woods about five or Six Miles from Town where he was taken Prisoner by three Men who swore him to Secrecy and that he has not since that Time seen them again ordered that he be discharged —

Jellis Legrange at present in Confinement having informed the Board that Waltimier has been in Town with Letters from Canada and that he has received his Information from William Empie & Terence [472] Smith who are also in Confinement wherefore resolved that the said William Empie and Terence Smith be brought before the Board and examined as to the same —

William Empie and Terence Smith being examined refuse to give any satisfactory Answers to the Questions proposed to them therefore resolved that they be recommitted —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 9[th] August 1781 1781 Aug. 9.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

It appearing to this Board highly probable from sundry Circumstances that Major Reed (who at present lives in

1781 Aug. 9. the House formerly occupied by John Tunnicliff) was privy to the Attempt made by Hans Waltimier to take General Schuyler and as it is suspected that the said Major Read carries on a Correspondence with several Persons in Canada — It is therefore resolved that application be made to General Clinton for a Party of Men to go and apprehend him and that Mr Fonda one of the Members of this Board go with the said Party for the Purpose of searching his House for treasonable Papers —

The Board having great Reason to think that Hans Waltimier who a few days ago was in Town with Letters from Canada has been at the House of Ivy Chambers in this City and it being the Opinion of this Board that by searching the House of the said Ivy Chambers [473] Papers might be found which have come from Canada therefore resolved that Mr Stringer & Mr Dean go to the House of the said Ivy Chambers and make search for such Papers —

It appearing to this Board from the Information received by Isaac D. Fonda Esqr One of the Members of this Board that two Young Men living on the Nistageune Road have joined Walitmier's Party and assisted in attempting to take General Schuyler therefore resolved that a Warrant be made out for their immediate apprehension —

Adjourned —

1781 Aug. 10. Met Albany 10th Augt 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

James Milligan having come to this place from Saragtoga, and General Schuyler intimating to this Board that the said James Milligan is come with a bad design and requesting to

have him examined and he being apprehended and brought before this Board and being examined and not answering satisfactorily to the Questions proposed to him and there being Reasons to suspect that he is a Spy therefore resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him — 1781 Aug. 10.

Adjourned —

Met Albany 11th August 1781 — 1781 Aug. 11.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } { Samuel Stringer

It being suggested to the Board that Michael Merkle at present in Confinement is sick and that a [474] Continuance in his present Confinement may endanger his life therefore resolved that he be liberated on his entering into a Recognizance with a sufficient surety for his remaining within the House and Yard of Christian Earing situate in the third Ward of this City until he is recovered of his Sickness and in the mean Time be of the good Behaviour and appear before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required —

Michael Merkle of Thurlough in the County of Tryon Farmer in..... £100
Christian Earing of the City of Albany Merchant his Bail in..... £100

Lieut John Leonard appeared before the Board and informed there has been a Party of armed Men at his House last Night who came with an Intention to carry him off and that they have much abused his Wife and there being a Prospect of apprehending them in Case a Party of Men could be procured to go with the said Lieut Leonard there-

1781 Aug. 11. fore resolved that application be made for a Party of Men to Gen[l] Clinton to endeavour to [a]pprehend the said Persons —

Adjourned —

1781 Aug. 12. Met Albany 12[th] August 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda

Lieu[t] John Leonard who Yesterday went [475] out with a Party [of] Men having apprehended Thomas Brown for harbouring Joseph Bettis and the said Thomas Brown being brought before the Board and examined resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him

Adjourned —

1781 Aug. 13. Met Albany 13[th] August 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

A Letter from Col[l] M[c]Instrey the Commanding officer at Saragtoga was laid before the Board wherein he informs that he sends down to us under Guard a certain Moses Harris Jun[r] who he has caused to be apprehended on suspicion of his purchasing Provisions for the supply of the Enemy and he being brought before the Board and examined and we being of Opinion that the said Harris is not a Person of so dangerous a Character as represented by Col[l] M[c]Instrey therefore resolved that he be discharged on his procuring Bail for his future good Behaviour —

An Indian Woman living with M[rs] Gibbon's in this City having reported that she saw in the Woods a dead Man who

appeared to be murdered and his Worship the Mayor[1] of this City having gone out to View the Dead Body and not being able to find the same and we being of Opinion that Mrs Gibbons her Mistress whose Husband is gone off to the Enemy has caused the said Indian Woman to raise the said report with a [476] View to draw the Mayor out of the City in order to his being carried off by Persons prepared for that Purpose therefore resolved that the said Indian Woman be apprehended and that the said Mrs Gibbons be ordered immediately to appear before this Board — 1781 Aug. 13.

The above mentioned Indian Woman being apprehended and examined acknowledges that there was a Party of Men in the Woods who told her to go to the Mayor and inform him that there was a Man murdered in the Woods resolved that she be committed —

Mrs Gibbons appearing and being examined denies that she knew any Thing of the Report propogated by her Wench resolved that she be discharged for the present an[d] ordered to attend again to Morrow Morning —

Mrs Haywood being also supposed to be concerned in the above Scheme to have the Mayor taken Prisoner being sent for and examined and she denying the charge ordered that she attend again to Morrow Morning —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 14th August 1781 — 1781 Aug. 14.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer
Stewart Dean, Isaac D. Fonda

A Letter from Hugh Mitchell and Abraham Outhout Esqrs Commissioners for Conspi- [477] racies at Schenectady was

[1] Abraham Ten Broeck was mayor of Albany at this time. He had been appointed by Governor Clinton in April, 1779.

1781 Aug. 14. laid before the Board wherein they inform that they send down to us Daniel Taylor a Person notoriously disaffected to the American Cause who is a Brother in Law of Joseph Bettis and has known of the said Bettis being in the Country without giving any Information concerning the same and the said Daniel Taylor being Examined resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Frederick Crants appearing before the Board informed us that he would become Bail for Christian Merkle and Michael Merkle who were liberated from Confinement on Account of their being Sick resolved that Christian Earing be discharged from the Recognizance by him entered into for the said Michael Merkle and Christian Merkle and that the said Frederick Crants accordingly enter into a Recognizance for the said Christian Merkle and Michael Merkle remaining within the Limits of his the said Frederick Crants's Farm and that the said Christian Merkle & Michael Merkle will surrender themselves as Prisoners to this Board when they shall have recovered their Health and for their good Behaviour during that Time —

Frederick Crants of the West District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer as Bail for Christian Merkle and Michael Merkle in..... £100

Adjourned —

1781 Aug. 16. [478] Met Albany 16th August 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

Capt Holtham Dunham & Lieut Benonie Grant having had Conferences in the Woods with David Jones and other

Persons from Canada and having been detected in the same and to avoid Punishment made their Escape with a[n] Intention to go to Canada and having been apprehended and sent down by Col^{l} M^{c}Kinstrey in order to be confined and the said Holtham Dunham being brought before the Board and examined says as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File) 1781 Aug. 16.

Resolved that a Mittimus be made out for them and that the examination of Benoni Grant be postponed until to Morrow Morning —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 17th August 1781 — 1781 Aug. 17.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

Benonie Grant who was Yesterday committed to Goal being brought before the Board was Examined his Examination is as follows (to wit) (see Examination on File)

Resolved that Copies of the Examination's of Holtham Dunham and Benoni Grant be made out and transmitted to his Excellency Governor Clinton —

[479] It appearing highly probable to this Board from the Information of Cap^{ts} Gerrit Groesbeeck & William Hunn that Thomas Reed who at present resides on the Farm of John Tunnicliff near this City knew of the Party that attempted to take General Schuyler Prisoner being in the Woods and was acquainted with their Intentions and the said Thomas Reed from his Intimacy and Connections with D^{r} George Smith and other disaffected Persons to the American Cause giving great Reason to this Board to suspect that he is concerned in a Scheme prejudicial to the Publick good —

1781 Aug. 17. Therefore resolved that a Warrant be made out directed to Jacob Kidney to apprehend and bring before us said Thomas Reed —

Adjourned —

1781 Aug. 18. Met Albany 18th August 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

Thomas Reed having been apprehended by Jacob Kidney agreeable to the Warrant of this Board and being examined resolved that he be committed and that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Capt Robert Woodward appeared before the Board and informed us that he had apprehended a Man who calls himself Benoni Robins Forrister who he suspects to be a British Officer passing through the Country as a Spy and the said Benoni Robins Forrister being examined and not being possessed of any Vouchers relative [480] to his Attachment to the American Cause and being unable to give a satisfactory account of himself therefore resolved that he be committed until he shall produce a Certificate of his Character and ordered that a Mittimus be made out for him —

Adjourned —

1781 Aug. 21. Met Albany 21st August 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

It appearing from the Examination of Capt Holtham Dunham and Benoni Grant that a certain Rodgers who lives at Fiddle Town near Saragtoga has supplied David

Jones with his Party who had come from Canada and were secreted in the Woods for the Purpose of taking Major M^{c}Kinstrey the Commanding Officer at Saragtoga Prisoner therefore resolved that a Letter be wrote to Major M^{c}Kinstrey requesting him to have the said Rogers apprehended and sent down to this Board as soon as possible — 1781 Aug. 21.

Lieu^{t} Moses Hudson appeared before the Board and informed us that a Young Man of the Name of Fagler who was last Year seduced by Joe Bettis to go to Canada has returned and has sent in word that he is desirous of surrendering himself up provided he is not confined — Resolved that Lieu^{t} Hudson be informed that if the said Fagler [give] himself up to this Board and will make a full and [481] ample Confession of such Matters as he is acquainted with that in such Case the said Fagler will be discharged on giving surety for his future good Conduct —

Adjourned —

Met Albany 22th August 1781 — 1781 Aug. 22.

Present

John M. Beeckmann, Isaac D. Fonda } Samuel Stringer

The Board being informed that James Clay is returned from Canada and that he lurks about the House of Henry Haywood his Father in Law on Jan Fonda's Land in the Vicinity of this City and Lieu^{t} Jacob Winney having offered to apprehend the said James Clay therefore resolved that a Warrant be made out directed to Lieu^{t} Winney & that he be thereby authorized to search the House of the said Henry Haywood and all other suspicious Houses in that Neighbourhood —

Resolved that Moses Harris Jun^{r} be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good

1781 Aug. 22. Behaviour doing his Duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

Moses Harris Junr late of Dutchess County Labourer in..... £100
Dirck Swart of Stillwater in the County of Albany Esqr his Bail in..... £100

Capt William Hun having been requested to appear before the Board to be examined with Respect [482] to Thomas Reed at present in Confinement appeared his examination being taken is in the words following (to wit) (see Examination on File)

Adjourned —

1781 Aug. 23. Met Albany 23d Augt 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda } Stewart Dean

A Letter was laid before the Board by Edward Chin Esqr from Thomas Reed setting forth that his wife has been brought to Bed and that she is exceedingly Ill and requesting to be released from Confinement for a few Days which application being seconded by the said Edward Chin resolved that for the Reason above assigned the said Thomas Reed be liberated on entering into a Recognizance to appear on Monday the 27th Day of August Instant at the City Hall in this City before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies and for his good Behaviour in the mean Time —

Thomas Reed of the West District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Yeoman in... £500

Philip Van Rensselaer of the City of Albany Esq[r] his Bail in ..... £250 — 1781 Aug. 23.
Edward Chin of the same place Esq[r] also his Bail in £250

Adjourned —

[483] Met Albany 24[th] August 1781 — 1781 Aug. 24.

Present

John M Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda

The Board having received Information that among those Persons who took John J[s] Bleecker Esq[r] and who are at present Prisoners at Bennington there are some who are Inhabitants of this State and as Justice demands that they should be punished agreeable to Law —

Therefore resolved that a Letter be wrote to his Excellency Thomas Chittendon Esq[r] at Arlington requesting him to cause the said Persons to be delivered over to the Civil Authority of this State which Letter is in the Words following (to wit) (see Copy Letter on File)

Adjourned

Met Albany 25[th] August 1781 — 1781 Aug. 25.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Samuel Stringer } Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean

Daniel Taylor being at his own request brought before the Board was examined and ordered to be recommitted

The Board having received Information that Archibald M[c]Neal who by his Recognizance was restricted to the Limits of this City has exceeded the Bounds prescribed to him in the said Recognizance therefore resolved that his

1781 Aug. 25. Bails Thomas Shipboy and Robert M^{c}Clallen be ordered forthwith to deliver up to this Board [484] the said Archibald M^{c}Neal —

Adjourned —

1781 Aug. 27. Met Albany 27th August 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

Thomas Reed appeared before the Board agreeable to the Tenor of the Recognizance entered into by him on the 23^{d} Instant and requested of the Board Permission to remain with his Family some Days longer on Account of the Illness of his wife resolved on taking the same into Consideration that Permission be granted him accordingly on his entering into a Recognizance to appear on Monday the 3^{d} day of September next at the City Hall before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies to be of good Behaviour during that time & not to aid, Comfort, Assist, Entertain, harbour or hold any Correspondence either by word or deed upon Political Matters with any Person or Persons inimical to the Liberties of Independance of this or the United States of America and that he do not depart the Limits & Bounds of the Farm he at present resides on untill he comes to make his Appearance as aforesaid —

Thomas Reed of the West District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Gentleman in.. £500
Leonard Gansevoort of the City of Albany Esq^{r} his Bail in £250
Cornelius Cuyler of the same place Esq^{r} also his Bail in..... £250

[485] Resolved that Adrian Bradt Jun^{r} be discharged

from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain — 1781 Aug. 27.

Adrian Bradt Junr of the West District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in. £100
John Devoe of the same Place Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Henry Haines Junr be discharged from Confinement on Henry Haines entering into a Recognizance for the good Behaviour of the said Henry Haines Junr for doing his duty and appearing before any three of the said Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the continuance of the Present War with Great Britain —

Henry Haines late of Thurlough in Tryon County Farmer as Bail for his son Henry Haines Junr in..... £400

Resolved that John Sommer be discharged from Confinement on Jacob Lawyer entering into a Recognizance for the good Behaviour of the said John Sommer & for his doing his Duty & appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the Present War with Great Britain —

Jacob Lawyer of the City of Albany on Recognizance as Bail for John Sommer in... £200

Archibald McNeal being brought before the [486] Board by his Bail agreeable to the order of this Board of the 25th Instant and being interrogated as to his exceeding the Bounds prescribed by his Recognizance and it appearing to have been done ignorantly and with no bad design therefore resolved that he be discharged —

1781 Aug. 27. A Letter from Hugh Mitchell Esq[r] dated at Schenectady the 14[th] Instant inclosing a Copy of an Examination of Daniel Taylor now in Confinement was laid before the Board which Letter and Examination are in the following words (to wit) (see Letter and Examination on File)

Adjourned

1781 Aug. 28. Met Albany 28[th] August 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

Resolved that Christian Miner be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his Duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the Present War with Great Britain —

Christian Miner of New Rhraebeeck in Tryon County Farmer in..... £100
Jacob Bleecker Jun[r] of the City of Albany his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that Frederick Merkle be discharged [487] from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain

Frederick Merkle late of Thurlough in the County of Tryon Farmer in..... £100
Stephen Frederick of the West District in the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Resolved that William Baker who is surety for James Bruce be ordered forthwith to deliver up the said James Bruce as the Board are of Opinion that he ought to be bound in a New Recognizance — 1781 Aug. 28.

Adjourned

Met Albany 29th August 1781 — 1781 Aug. 29.

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Samuel Stringer, Stewart Dean

Resolved that Earnest Fretz be discharged from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners of Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

Earnest Fretz late of Thurlough in the County of Tryon Farmer in..... £100

Christopher Roff of the West District of the Manor of Rensselaerwyck Farmer in..... £100

[488] Frederick Crans who was surety for Christopher Merkle until he should be recovered of his Illness appeared before the Board and surrendered the said Christian Merkle and as Frederick Merkle is willing to become Bail for the said Christian Merkle and as there are no material Charges against him therefore resolved that he be discharged on the said Frederick Merkle's entering into a Recognizance for the good Behaviour of the said Christian Merkle for doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies when thereunto required during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain.

Frederick Merkle late of Thurlough in the County of Tryon Farmer as Bail for Christian Merkle in..... £100

1781 Aug. 29. The Board having received Information from which they are induced to think that the Persons living on a Place formerly in the Possession of [*blank*] Cumming at Kat's Kill are endeavouring by every Means to injure the American Cause and as their Situation is such that they have it in their Power to afford Assistance to Parties coming from the Enemy therefore resolved that a Letter be wrote to Col^{l} Du Bois at Kat's Kill requesting him to cause them to be removed as soon as possible —

Adjourned —

1781 Aug. 30. Met Albany 30th August 1781 —

Present

John M. Beeckman, Isaac D. Fonda, Stewart Dean, Samuel Stringer

Resolved that Coonradt Brown be discharged [489] from Confinement on entering into a Recognizance for his good Behaviour doing his duty and appearing before any three of the Commissioners for Conspiracies for and during the Continuance of the present War with Great Britain —

Coenradt Brown of Thurlough in Tryon County Farmer in..... £100
Johannis Rykert of Schoharie in the County of Albany Farmer his Bail in..... £100

Adjourned.[1]

[1] The extant minutes end here abruptly. On August 30, 1781, the Albany commissioners wrote to Governor Clinton about certain exchanges of prisoners, to which he wrote a reply on September 7th. Other correspondence between this board and the governor is extant, of a date later than the existing minutes. For examples, see *George Clinton Papers*, nos. 3948, 3976, 3986, 3987, 4005, 4010, 4023, 4024, in archives of New York State Library.

APPENDIXES

APPENDIX I

LAWS OF NEW YORK RELATING TO THE COMMISSIONERS FOR CONSPIRACIES AND THEIR POWERS

An Act appointing Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies, and declaring their Powers. Passed the 5th of February, 1778.[1]

WHEREAS the late Convention did appoint a Board of Commissioners, for the Purpose of enquiring into, detecting and defeating all Conspiracies, which might be formed in this State, against the Liberties of *America.*

And whereas, by Reason of the present Invasion of this State, and of the Disaffection of sundry of the Inhabitants of the same, it will be expedient to continue the said Board; which Experience hath shewn to be of great Use and Importance. To the End therefore, that the State and the Peace of the same, may be effectually guarded and secured, against the wicked Machinations and Designs of the Foreign and Domestic Foes thereof.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of New-York, *represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same*, That the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or President of the Senate, who, for the Time being, shall administer the Government of this State, be, and he hereby is authorised and empowered, from Time to Time, to appoint, by Commission, by and with the Advice

[1] First session (1777–8), chap. 3.— *Laws of New York;* Poughkeepsie: John Holt, 1782, pp. 6–7.

and Consent of the Council of Appointment, so many Persons, not exceeding ten, as he shall think proper, to be Commissioners for the Purposes aforesaid. And that the said Commissioners, or any three of them, be, and they hereby are authorised and empowered, to do and perform the several Acts, Matters and Things herein after mentioned, viz. That the said Commissioners, or any three of them, shall be, and they hereby are authorised and empowered, to send for Persons and Papers, and administer Oaths; and to apprehend and confine, or cause to be apprehended and confined, in such Manner, and under such Restrictions and Limitations, as to them shall appear necessary, for the public Safety, all Persons, whose going at large, shall, in the Judgment of the said Commissioners, or any three of them, appear dangerous to the Safety of this State. To take Bonds and Recognizances, from Time to Time, to the People of this State, for the good Behaviour, safe Custody, or Appearance of such of the said Persons, and of all others, now confined for the like Cause, as they may think proper, in such Sums, and upon such Conditions, as unto them shall appear expedient; and the said Bonds and Recognizances, if forfeited, to prosecute or to cancel and release, upon such Terms and Conditions; and to discharge from Confinement, any of the said Persons absolutely, and without any Terms or Conditions, as they may think proper. *And also*, from Time to Time, to make such Provision, for the safe Custody, and comfortable Subsistance of all Persons, who may from Time to Time be so confined as aforesaid, in such Manner as they may think proper. *Provided always*, That by Reason or Colour of any Thing herein contained, the said Commissioners, or any of them, shall not be empowered to inflict any corporal Punishment, upon any or either of the said Persons confined as aforesaid.

II. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That no Judge or Magistrate, shall bail any of the Persons, who may be confined by Authority of the said Commissioners; and that no Court shall deliver any of the Gaols, within this State, of any Person or Persons, so confined as aforesaid, unless such Persons, shall have been indicted, and tried for the Offence or Offences, for which he or she, shall have been respectively committed.

III. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That each and every of the said Commissioners, before they shall respectively take upon them, the Exercise of the said Office, do, before one or more of the said Commissioners, who are hereby empowered to administer the same, take the following Oath, *viz.*

" I, A.B. one of the Commissioners, according to the Form and Effect of an Act, entitled, An Act for appointing Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies, and declaring their Power, appointed, do, in the Presence of Almighty God, most solemnly promise and swear, that I will, to the best of my Knowledge and Ability, faithfully execute and perform, for the Benefit and Advantage of the People of the State of *New-York*, all and singular the Powers and Authorities, by Force and Virtue of the said Act, unto me given. So help me God.["]

IV. And for as much as the Execution of the said several Trusts, Duties and Powers, will be attended with considerable Expence; *Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Commissioners, be, and they hereby are, authorised and empowered, from Time to Time, to draw from the public Treasury of this State, all and every such Sum and Sums of Money, as they shall think proper. *Provided always*, That the said Commissioners, shall render a just and true Account of the Expenditure of the several Sums of

Money by them so drawn as aforesaid; and that the said several Sums, shall not, in the Whole, exceed the sum of Five Thousand Pounds.

V. *And it be further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Commissioners shall keep regular Minutes of all their Proceedings, in Order that the same may be submitted, if required, to the Consideration of the Senate or Assembly, or to such Person or Persons, as shall be, for that Purpose appointed; and that each and every of the said Commissioners do receive, for every Day, in which he shall be actually employed in the Business aforesaid, the Sum of Twenty Shillings, for his Trouble and Expence, in attending upon the same.

VI. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That this Act shall continue in Force, until the first Day of *November*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-Eight, and no longer.

An Act to enable the Person administering the Government of this State for the Time being, to remove certain disaffected and dangerous Persons and Families. Passed the 1st of *April*, 1778.[1]

WHEREAS divers disaffected and dangerous Persons and Families, reside at or near the several Posts and Passes within this State; and there is great Reason to believe, that they communicate Intelligence to the Enemy;

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the People of the State of* New-York, *represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by* [t]*he Authority of the same*, That it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Person administering the

[1] First session (1777–8), chap. 27.— *Laws of New. York:* Poughkeepsie: John Holt, 1782, pp. 25–26.

This act is printed as collateral to and explanatory of procedure relative to inimical persons.

Government of this State for the Time being, from Time to Time, as Occasion may require, and whenever he shall judge it necessary, for the public Safety, to cause all such dangerous disaffected Persons and Families, as now are, or hereafter shall happen to be resident at or near any Post, Pass or Encampment, within this State, to be removed to such other Place or Places within the same, as he shall deem expedient.

II. *And whereas* the Removal of the Persons or Families aforesaid, may prove very prejudicial to them; *It is further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Person administering the Government of this State, for the Time being, shall certify the Names of such Persons so removed, and a Description of the Houses and Farms, from which they shall be removed respectively, to the Commissioners of Sequestration of the County, to which such Persons shall be removed; who are hereby required to put them in Possession, on moderate Rents, of such sequestered Farms or Houses, in the said County as may be then, or thereafter vacant; having Respect to the Value of the Farms or Houses, from which such Persons may have been removed; *Provided, nevertheless*, That no Person or Persons, that shall be removed by Virtue of this Act, shall, by such Removal, gain a Settlement in the District he, she or they may be removed to; so as to charge such District with their Maintenance.

An Act for increasing the Number of Commissioners, for detecting and defeating Conspiracies within this State. Passed the 3d of *April*, 1778.[1]

WHEREAS by an Act, entitled, "*An Act appointing Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies, and declaring their Powers*," made and passed by

1 First session (1777–8), chap. 31.—*Laws of New York:* Poughkeepsie: John Holt, 1782, pp. 30–31.

the Legislature of this State, the fifth Day of *February* last past; it is enacted, that the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or President of the Senate, who for the Time being, shall administer the Government of this State, be, and he is thereby authorised and empowered, from Time to Time, to appoint by Commission, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Council of Appointment, so many Persons, not exceeding ten, as he shall think proper, to be Commissioners for the Purposes therein mentioned; *And further*, That the said Commissioners, or any three of them shall be, and thereby are empowered and authorised to do and perform the several Acts, Matters and Things, therein after mentioned: For increasing the Number of the said Commissioners,

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the People of the State of* New-York, *represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same*, That the Person administering the Government of this State, for the Time being, be, and he is hereby farther authorised and empowered from Time to Time, to appoint in the Manner in and by the said Act mentioned, any farther or greater Number of Commissioners, not exceeding twenty, to be Commissioners, with the like Trust Powers and Authorities, and under the same Restrictions, Qualifications, Provisoes, Pay and Continuance, as are mentioned in the said in part recited Act.

II. *And it is further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Commissioners, or any three of them, shall be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to do and perform the several Acts, Matters and Things, mentioned in the said in part recited Act: Any Thing in the said Act contained, to the Contrary thereof, in any Wise notwithstanding.

Provided always, That as many Quorums of three of the said Commissioners, as the whole Number of thirty will admit of, shall and may exercise the Powers and Authorities,

so reposed in them as aforesaid, at one and the same Time; any Thing in this or the above recited Law, to the Contrary hereof, in any Wise notwithstanding.

An Act more effectually to prevent the Mischiefs, arising from the Influence and Example of Persons of equivocal and suspected Characters, in this State. Passed the 30th of *June*, 1778.[1]

WHEREAS certain of the Inhabitants of this State, have, during the Course of the present cruel War, waged by the King and Parliament of *Great-Britain*, against the People of these States, affected to maintain a Neutrality, which there is Reason to suspect was in many Instances, dictated by a Poverty of Spirit, and an undue Attachment to Property. *And whereas* divers of the said Persons, some of whom, advocated the *American* Cause till it became serious, have notwithstanding the Forebearance of their Countrymen, and contrary to the Faith pledged by their Paroles, ungratefully and insidiously from Time to Time, by artful Misrepresentations, and a subtle Dissemination of Doctrines, Fears and Apprehensions false in themselves, and injurious to the *American* Cause, seduced certain weak minded Persons from the Duties they owed their Country: *And whereas* the welfare of this State, loudly demands that some decisive Measures be taken with Respect to the said Persons; and it being repugnant to Justice as well as good Policy, that Men should be permitted to shelter themselves under a Government, which they not only refused to assist in rearing, but which, some of them daily endeavor to undermine and subvert; *And whereas*, such few of the said Persons, as may have been

[1] First session (1777–8), chap. 47.— *Laws of New York:* Poughkeepsie: John Holt, 1782, pp. 43–44.

led to take a neutral Part by conscientious Doubts and Scruples, have had more than sufficient Time to consider and determine the same;

I. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of* New-York, *represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same,* That the Commissioners appointed for inquiring into, detecting and defeating all Conspiracies, which may be formed in this State, against the Liberties of *America;* or any three of them be, and they hereby are authorised and strictly charged and required, to cause all such Persons, of neutral and equivocal Characters in this State, whom they shall think have influence sufficient to do Mischief in it, to come before them, and to administer to the said persons respectively, the following Oath, or if of the People called Quakers, Affirmation, *viz.*

"I, A.B. do solemnly, and without any mental Reservation or Equivocation whatever, swear and call God to Witness; or if of the People called Quakers, affirm, that I do believe and acknowledge, the State of *New-York*, to be of Right, a Free and Independent State. And that no Authority or Power, can of Right, be exercised in or over the said State, but what is, or shall be granted by or derived from the People thereof. *And further,* That as a good Subject of the said Free and Independent State of *New York*, I will to the best of my Knowledge and Ability, faithfully do my Duty; and as I shall keep or disregard this Oath. So help and deal with me Almighty God."

II. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That if on the said Oath or Affirmation, being so tendered, the said Person or Persons shall refuse to take the same, the said Commissioners do forthwith remove the said Person or Persons so refusing, to any Place within the Enemy's Lines, and by Writing under their Hands and Seals, certify the Names

of such Person or Persons, to the Secretary of this State, who is hereby required to Record and File the said Certificates.

III. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any of the said Neutrals, shall abscond or absent himself with an apparent View to avoid the Force of this Act, the said Commissioners shall by Notice, published in one or more of the News-Papers of this State, demand of the said Person or Persons, so absconding or absenting, to appear before them, at such Place in this State, and at such Time, not exceeding twenty one Days from the Time of such Publication, as they shall assign. *And further*, That Default in such Appearance, shall be adjudged to amount to and is hereby declared to be a Refusal to take the said Oath or Affirmation.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That if any of the Persons removed to Places within the Enemy's Lines by the said Commissioners, in pursuance of this Act, or who having as aforesaid, absconded or absented, shall not on Notice as aforesaid appear before the said Commissioners, and take the Oath or Affirmation aforesaid, shall thereafter be found in any Part of this State; such Person or Persons so found, shall on Conviction thereof, be adjudged guilty of Misprison of Treason.

And to the End, That this State may be in some Measure compensated for the Injuries it has sustained, by the evil Example or Practices of the said Neutrals, and that others may be detered on similar Occasions, from acting a Part so unmanly and ignominious;

V. *Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all Lands held in this State, on the twenty-sixth Day of *June* Instant, in Fee Simple or Fee Tail, or which may hereafter be acquired by, or devised, granted, or descend to any of the Persons who shall refuse to take the aforesaid Oath or Affirmation, when called upon by the said Com-

missioners, shall forever thereafter, be charged with double Taxes, in whosoever Hands the said Lands may hereafter be.

VI. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Commissioners, previous to the Removal of the said several Persons within the Enemy's Lines, shall from Time to Time, notify the Person administering the Government of this State for the Time being, of the several Persons so to be removed, who is hereby authorised to detain and confine, such of the said persons as he shall think proper, for the Purpose of exchanging them for any of the Subjects of this State, in the Power of the Enemy.

VII. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Person administering the Government of this State for the Time being, be, and he is hereby required to do his best Endeavours, that this Act be fully and speedily carried into Execution, and all Magistrates, Sheriffs and Constables, are required to be aiding therein.

An Act for continuing the Powers of the Commissioners, for detecting and defeating Conspiracies. Passed the 29th of *October*, 1778.[1]

WHEREAS the Act of the Legislature of this State, for appointing Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies, and declaring their Powers; and the Act for increasing the Number of Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies, within this State, will expire on the first Day of *November* next;

Be it therefore enacted by the People of the State of New-York, *represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby*

[1] Second session (1778–9), chap. 3.— *Laws of New York:* Poughkeepsie: John Holt, 1782, pp. 44–45.

enacted by the Authority of the same, That the said two several Acts, and the Powers and Authorities by them or either of them, granted to the said Commissioners, or[1] any, and every three of them, and a Power to the said Commissioners, or any three of them, to remove within the Enemy's Lines, all such Persons who in pursuance of the "*Act more effectually to prevent the Mischiefs arising from the Influence and Example of Persons, of equivocal and suspected Characters in this State*," have already appeared before the said Commissioners, or any three of them, and have not taken the Oath in the said Act contained; shall be and are hereby continued until twenty Days after the next Meeting of the Legislature, and a Quorum of both Houses shall be convened to proceed on Business. And the Treasurer of this State, shall be, and he is hereby authorised and required to pay to the said Commissioners, or any three of them, such farther Sum or Sums, as they shall from Time to Time require, to defray the Expence of the Business committed to them, so as the Amount of such farther Sum or Sums, shall not in the whole, exceed the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds.

An Act to amend an Act, entitled, An Act more effectually to prevent the Mischiefs arising from the Influence and Example of Persons of equivocal and suspected Characters in this State, and for continuing the Powers of the Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies. Passed the 17th of *February*, 1779.[2]

WHEREAS by the Terms of the said Law, the Commissioners therein mentioned, are required on Re-

[1] Misprinted " ur " in Holt's edition.

[2] Second session (1778–9), chap. 10.— *Laws of New York:* Poughkeepsie: John Holt, 1782, p. 49.

fusal of any Person or Persons, to take the Oath or Affirmation therein prescribed, forthwith to remove the said Person or Persons so refusing, to any Place within the Enemy's Lines;

And whereas sound Policy and common Charity require, that every Person so refusing, should be admitted to take the said Oath or Affirmation, if he or she shall, notwithstanding such Refusal, voluntarily offer to take the same, before the Commencement of his or her actual Removal;

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the People of the State of* New-York, *represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same*, That every Person who has already refused, or shall hereafter refuse to take the said Oath or Affirmation, and shall, before the actual Commencement of his or her Removal as aforesaid, voluntarily offer to take the said Oath or Affirmation, before any three of the said Commissioners, shall be admitted to take the same, and on taking thereof, shall be, and hereby is declared to be fully and wholly absolved from the Penalties of the said Law, such former Refusal, or any Thing in the said Law, to the Contrary in any Wise notwithstanding. *Provided always*, That nothing herein contained, shall extend or apply to the Cases of those who by Virtue of the said Law, now are or shall hereafter be detained and confined, by the Person administering the Government of this State for the Time being, for the Purpose of Exchanging them for any of the Subjects of this State, in the Power of the Enemy.

II. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all and singular the Powers and Authorities, vested in the said Commissioners, are hereby continued until twenty Days after the next Meeting of the Legislature, and a Quorum of both Houses shall be convened on Business, in

like Manner as the same are continued in and by an Act, entitled, "*An Act for continuing the Powers of the Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies*," passed the 29th Day of *October* last: And the Treasurer of this State shall be, and he is hereby authorised and required, to pay to the said Commissioners, or any three of them, such further Sum or Sums, as they shall from Time to Time require, to defray the Expence of the Business committed to them, so as the Amount of such further Sum or Sums, shall not in the Whole, exceed the Sum of Three Thousand Pounds.

An Act for reviving the Powers of the Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies, and for other Purposes therein mentioned. Passed the 1st of *October*, 1779.[1]

WHEREAS the Act of the Legislature of this State, entitled, "*An Act for appointing Commissioners, for detecting and defeating Conspiracies, and declaring their Powers;*" and the Act entitled, "*An Act for increasing the Number of Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies, within this State*," did expire in twenty Days after the present Meeting of the Legislature, and a Quorum of both Houses convened to proceed on Business;

I. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of* New-York, *represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same*, That the said two Acts, and the Powers and Authorities by them or either of them granted, to the said Commissioners, or any and every three of them, shall be and are hereby revived, and shall continue and be in full Force until twenty Days after the first Day of the next Meeting of a Quorum of the Legislature, and

[1] Third session (1779–80), chap. 7.— *Laws of New York:* Poughkeepsie: John Holt, 1782, p. 76.

the Treasurer of this State is hereby authorised and required, out of such Monies as may be in the Treasury, to pay to the said Commissioners, or any three of them, such further Sum or Sums, as they shall from Time to Time require, to defray the Expence of the Business committed to them, so as the Amount of such Sum or Sums, shall not in the whole, exceed the sum of Four Thousand Pounds.

And whereas the said Commissioners, or some Quorum or Quorums of them, may have done and performed divers Acts, Matters and Things, in and respecting their several and respective Offices and Places, since the Expiration of the said Laws, and by Reason thereof, the Legality and Validity of the said Acts, Matters and Things, may be drawn into Question;

II. *Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That all and singular the said Acts, Matters and Things, shall be as good, valid and effectual in the Law, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes whatsoever, as if the said Laws had not expired by their own respective Limitations, but had been in full Force and Effect, at and immediately before the passing of this Law; any Thing in the said Laws or either of them to the Contrary hereof, in any Wise notwithstanding.

And whereas in and by the said two recited Acts, no Provision is made to enable the Council of Appointment, from Time to Time, to remove any one or more of the said Commissioners, and appoint other or others in his or their Stead,

III. *Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Power and Authority of Removal and Appointment, is and are hereby fully vested in the said Council, to be exercised by them, from Time to Time, in their Discretion, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes in the Law whatsoever.

An Act to authorise any two Justices of the Peace, to enlarge Persons who shall desert from the Enemy, and for other Purposes therein mentioned. Passed *March* 13th, 1780.[1]

I. *BE it enacted by* [*the*] *People of the State of* New-York, *represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same*, That whenever any Person, who shall have come from within the Lines of the Enemy, shall be confined in the common Gaol of any County within this State; it shall and may be lawful, for any two Justices of the Peace of such County, to enlarge the Person so confined, upon his or her entering into Recognizance to the People of this State, either with or without Surety; and in such Sum or Sums as the said Justices, in their Discretion, shall deem proper: The Condition of which Recognizance shall be, that he or she will appear at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, to be held in and for such County; or that he or she shall reside at the Place, and within the Bounds within this State, to be assigned by the said two Justices; or that he or she shall be of good Behaviour, during the present War. And the said Justices may in their Discretion, insert one or more of the foregoing Conditions in such Recognizance. *Provided*, That such Justices shall not, by Virtue of this Act, enlarge any Person who shall be in Custody, by Virtue of a Warrant under the Hand and Seal of any Judge of the Supreme Court; nor any Person whose going at large will, in the Opinion of such Justices, be dangerous to the State. *And provided also*, That nothing in this Act contained, shall be construed to excuse any Person, so enlarged on Recognizance, from doing Duty in the Militia of this State; nor shall his Absence from the Place assigned by such Justices, for his Residence while on

[1] Third session (1779–80), chap. 58.— *Laws of New York:* Poughkeepsie: John Holt, 1782, p. 127.

Command in the Militia, be deemed a Breach of such Recognizance.

II. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That whenever any Person shall desert from the Army of the Enemy, or come over from within their Lines, and shall voluntarily surrender himself or herself to a Justice of the Peace, it shall and may be lawful for such Justice to call to his Assistance one other Justice of the same County, and to bind the Person so surrendering himself or herself, in Recognizance, and deal with him in all Respects as is before directed for Persons in actual Custody; which Recognizance shall be subject to the Provisoes mentioned in the preceding Clause. *Provided*, That nothing in this Act contained, shall be construed to prevent any Person from being apprehended and dealt with according to Law, for any Offence committed after such Person shall have left the Enemy's Lines.

Whereas the several Laws, relating to the Commissioners for enquiring into, detecting and defeating all Conspiracies which may be formed in this State, against the liberties of *America*, are now expired;

And whereas there are several Persons now confined by Order of the said Commissioners, and several Persons are bound by Recognizance, taken before the said Commissioners: To the End therefore, that Provision may be made in the Premises;

III. *Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall be lawful for any three Persons who were such Commissioners, in their Discretion, to discharge the several Persons so in actual Confinement, without Bail, or upon the said Persons respectively entering into Recognizance, with or without Surety, for their respective Appearance at any Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, to be held

in and for any County within this State; and to discharge any Recognizances heretofore taken before the said Commissioners, except such Recognizances as may have been taken for the Appearance of any Person or Persons, at any Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery; and that the Powers of the said Commissioners shall be revived, and hereby are continued for the several Purposes aforesaid accordingly.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That this Act shall continue in Force, until thirty Days after the rising of the Legislature, at their next Meeting.

An Act to revive the Laws appointing Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies. Passed *June* 14th, 1780.[1]

WHEREAS the Act "*for appointing Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies, and declaring their Powers*," passed the fifth Day of *February*, 1778; and the Act "*for increasing the Number of Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies within this State*," passed the third Day of *April*, 1778, are expired;

And whereas there is great Reason to apprehend that Emissaries from the Enemy are lurking in different Parts of the State, and that the disaffected Inhabitants are conspiring against the public Peace and Safety: By Reason whereof, it hath become necessary to revive the Powers of the said Commissioners;

Be it therefore enacted by the People of the State of New-York, *represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby*

[1] Third session (1779–80), chap. 62.— *Laws of New York:* Poughkeepsie: John Holt, 1782, p. 131.

enacted by the Authority of the same, That the said two Acts and the Powers and Authorities by them or either of them granted to the Commissioners appointed or to be appointed by Virtue of the said Acts, or any and every three of them shall be, and are hereby revived, and shall continue and be in full Force during the Continuance of the present War with *Great-Britain*. That each Commissioner shall be allowed for each Day he shall be actually employed in the Execution of the said Office, the Sum of Fourteen Shillings of the Money to be issued, agreeable to the Resolutions of Congress, of the eighteenth Day of *March* last; and that the Treasurer of this State shall, out of any Monies which may be in the Treasury, advance to the said Commissioners, or any three of them, such Sum or Sums, as they shall from Time to Time require, to defray the Expence of the Business hereby committed to them, not exceeding in the Whole, the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds of like Money aforesaid.

An Act for the Removal of the Families of Persons who have joined the Enemy. Passed the 1st of *July*, 1780.[1]

WHEREAS many and great Mischiefs do arise, by permitting the Families of Persons who have joined the Enemy, to remain at their respective Habitations, inasmuch as such Persons frequently come out in a private Manner, to gain Intelligence and commit Robberies, Thefts and Murders, upon the good People of this State, and are concealed and comforted by their respective Families;

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the People of the State of* New-York, *represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is*

[1] Third session (1779–80), chap. 76.— *Laws of New York:* Poughkeepsie: John Holt, 1782, pp. 143–144.

hereby enacted by the Authority of the same, That the Justices of the Peace, resident in each Ward, Town, Manor, Precinct and District, within this State, shall notify the Wives of all such Persons, as aforesaid, that they depart this State within twenty Days after such Notice, or repair to such Parts of it as are within the Power of the Enemy; and at their Discretion to take with them all or any of their Children, not above the Age of twelve Years: That for the Want of a Justice of the Peace in any Ward, Town, Manor, Precinct or District, the Supervisor, and for Want of a Supervisor, the Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies, shall cause such Notice to be given, as aforesaid.

II. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That in Case any of the Persons aforesaid, shall, after the Space of twenty Days after such Notice, be found in any Part of this State; they shall and are hereby declared to be out of the Protection of the Laws of this State; and shall be liable to be proceeded against as Enemies of this and the United States:

Provided nevertheless, That this Law shall not extend to affect such of the said Persons as shall procure Permits to remain at their respective Habitations, from under the Hands and Seals of any three of the Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies, within this State.

III. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the several Justices of the Peace, or Supervisor as aforesaid, shall, immediately after Notice shall be given to the several Persons aforesaid, to depart this State, give Information to some one Board of Commissioners as aforesaid, of all such Persons as aforesaid, together with the Characters of the said Persons respectively; and the said Commissioners are hereby authorised to give Permits as aforesaid, to any of the said Persons, which they may esteem of good Character,

and not dangerous to the Liberties and Independence of this, and the United States.

An Act to accommodate the Inhabitants of the Frontiers with Habitations, and for other Purposes therein mentioned. Passed March 22d, 1781.[1]

I. *BE it enacted by the People of the State of* New-York, *represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same,* That it shall be lawful to and for the Person administering the Government of this State for the Time being, or such Person or Persons as he shall authorise for the Purpose, in their Discretion, and by Licence under their Hands respectively, upon an Application on Behalf of any Number of Families, not less than three, to permit the said several Families on whose Behalf such Application shall be made, to possess and occupy to and for their Use, such unoccupied Houses, Farms, Lands or Tenements, lying on the Frontiers of, this State, as the Person or Persons granting such Licence, shall appoint and deem most convenient, for the Purpose of accommodating the Families on whose Behalf such Application shall be made; and that the said several Families shall, by Virtue of such Licence, be authorised to take Possession of, occupy, and improve such Houses, Farms, Lands or Tenements, as shall be specified in the said Licence; and that it shall in like Manner, be lawful for the Person administering the Government for the Time being, or such other Person as shall grant any such Licence, whenever they shall respectively deem the Necessity which induced the Granting thereof to cease, to revoke any or every such Licence; and

[1] Fourth session (1780–81), chap. 35.— *Laws of New York:* Poughkeepsie: John Holt, 1782, pp. 180–181.

that each and every Person, in whose favour such Licence shall be granted, who shall not within twenty Days after such Revocation, remove from the said Houses, Farms, Lands or Tenements, which he or she was so permitted to possess, occupy and improve, shall be deemed as Trespassers from the Beginning, and as such, shall be liable to an Action, at the Suit of the Person in whose Possession such Houses, or Farms, Lands or Tenements were, before the granting such Licence, his or her Heirs and Assigns; and that each and every Person in whose Favour such Licence shall be granted, who shall hold over, after the Revocation of such Licence, shall and may be proceeded against upon the Statutes of forcible Entry and Detainer, by the Person in Possession of such Houses, Farms, Lands or Tenements, immediately before the granting of such Licence, his or her Heirs or Assigns: *And further* That it shall be lawful for the Person administering the Government, to cause any Houses or other Buildings, on the Frontiers of this State, to be fortified, and to be taken and held as Posts or Fortresses, for such Time and in such Manner, as he shall deem necessary and expedient.

Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the Person so in Possession, before the granting of the Licence, from possessing, occupying and improving an equal and proportional Part of such Houses, Farms, Lands or Tenements, with the several Families in whose Favour such Licence shall be granted: *And provided also*, That if any Person in whose favour such Licence shall be granted, shall commit any unnecessary Waste or Destruction in such Houses, Farms, Lands or Tenements, they shall severally and respectively, with respect to such Waste, be deemed as Trespassers, and as such shall be subject to an Action, at the Suit of the Person so in Possession

as aforesaid, immediately before the granting of the Licence, his or her Heirs or Assigns.

And whereas certain disaffected Subjects, who reside on the Frontiers of this State, privately maintain, comfort, and aid the Enemy, in their Incursions on the said Frontiers, and the public Safety requires that they should be compelled to remove from their respective Habitations, to the interior Parts of the State;

II. *Be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Person administering the Government of this State for the Time being, or the Brigadier, or commanding Officer of the Brigade of Militia; or where the Militia is not formed into a Brigade, a Majority of the Field-Officers of the Regiment within which such disaffected Persons shall reside, to cause all such Persons and Families, as he or they shall deem dangerous and disaffected, and as now are, or hereafter shall be resident and inhabiting on the said Frontiers, to be removed from their respective Habitations, to the interior Parts of the State.

And whereas it may be necessary to remove or destroy the Stock, Grain, or Forage, in many Parts of the Frontiers, in order to prevent the same from falling into the Hands of, or from being applied to the Comfort and Subsistence of the Enemy;

III. *Be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall be lawful for the Person administering the Government for the Time being, from Time to Time, in his Discretion, to order and direct all or any Part of the Stock, Grain, or Forage, at any Place or Places on the Frontiers, to be removed to such other Places as he shall direct; and in Case such Stock, Grain or Forage, cannot conveniently be removed, or if the Person possessing the

same, shall refuse to remove such Stock, Grain or Forage, then to order and direct the same to be destroyed.

IV. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall be lawful for the Commissioners for defeating and detecting Conspiracies, and each of them, or such other Person or Persons as shall be authorised for the Purpose by the Person administering the Government, for to notify the Wives of all Persons who have voluntarily gone over to and joined, or shall hereafter voluntarily go over to and join the Enemy, to depart this State in like Manner as the Justices of the Peace and Supervisors, in the respective Wards, Towns, Manors, Districts or Precincts, are authorised in and by the Act, entitled, "*An Act for the Removal of the Families of Persons who have joined the Enemy.*" And further, That it shall be lawful for the said Commissioners, and each of them, and each of the said several Persons so to be authorised as aforesaid, to take and sell all the Goods and Chattels in the Possession of the Wives of Persons who have voluntarily gone over to and joined, or shall hereafter go over to and join the Enemy, and to apply the Monies arising therefrom, to defraying the Expence of removing such Wives, and such of their respective Children as are not above twelve Years of Age, within the Lines of the Enemy — And that the said Commissioners and other Persons, who shall take and sell any such Goods and Chattels as aforesaid, shall account for the Expenditure of the said Monies with the Auditor-General of this State.

An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, "An Act to revive the Laws appointing Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies, and to give certain Powers to Magistrates and Courts, in Cases therein mentioned. Passed 27th March, 1783.[1]

I. *BE it enacted by the People of the State of* New-York, *represented in Senate and Assembly, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same,* That the Act, entitled, "*An Act to revive the Laws appointing Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies,*" shall be, and the same is hereby repealed[.]

II. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the Commissioners aforesaid shall, forthwith after the passing of this Act, deliver the Recognizances by them taken, and not forfeited, to the Clerk of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace of the County in which the same were taken; and the Person or Persons bound by such Recognizances, shall be subject to the Directions of, and be compelled to appear before the said Sessions, in like Manner as they were respectively required by Law to subject themselves to the Direction of, and were compellable to appear by the said Recognizances before such Commissioners, and such Recognizances shall to all Intents and Purposes have the like Effect, and be estreated or discharged in the same Manner as if the same had been entered into before such Court of Sessions,

III. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That the said Commissioners shall, as soon as may be, deliver all such Recognizances, as may have become forfeited to the People of this State, to the Clerk of the Su-

[1] Sixth session (1782–83), chap. 51.— *Laws of New York:* Poughkeepsie: John Holt, 1783, pp. 298–299.

preme Court; to the End that Prosecutions may be instituted for Recovery of the same.

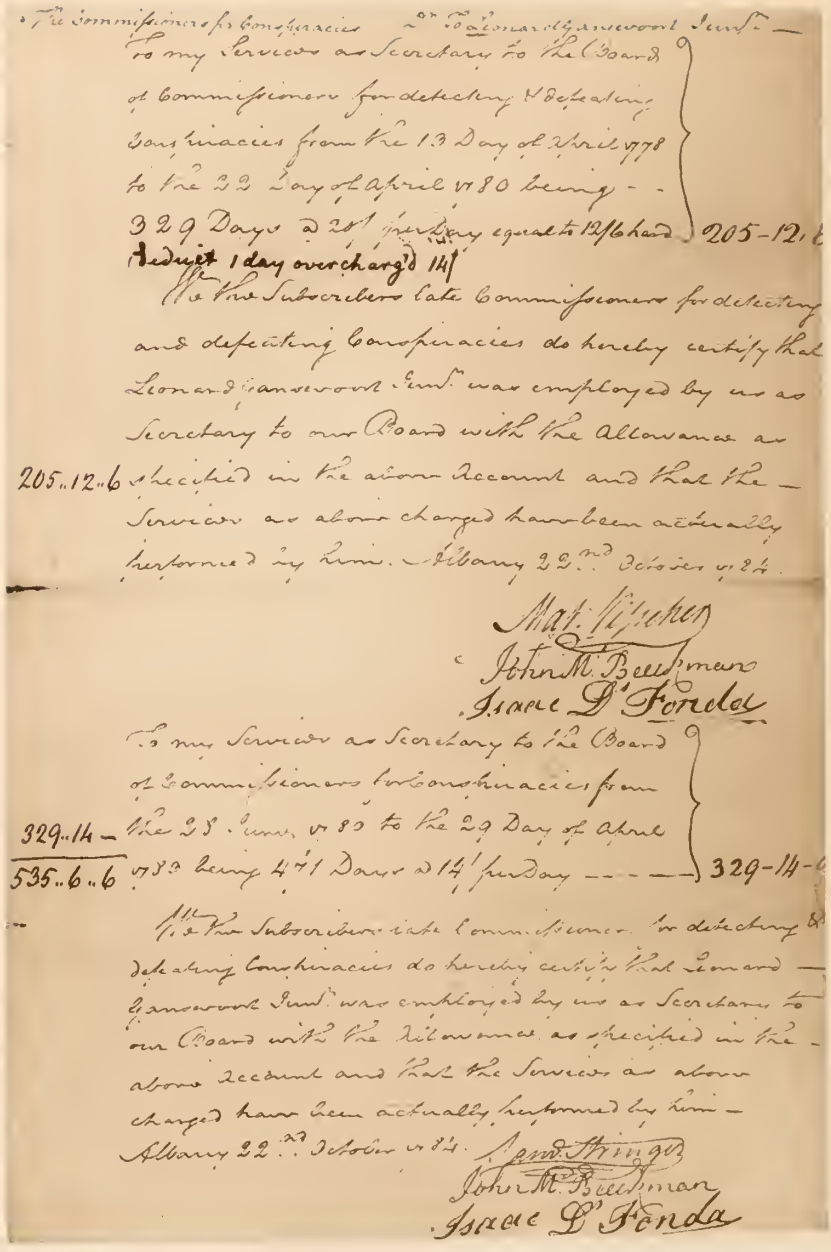
IV. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Commissioners shall exhibit their Accounts to the Auditor, on or before the first Monday of August next, that the same may be ascertained and settled; and it is hereby made the Duty of the Auditor to report to the Legislature, at their next Meeting after the said first Monday in August, the Amount of such Accounts respectively.

V. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the said Commissioners shall, on or before the first Day of May next, make Return to a Justice of the Peace of the County in which such Commissioners reside, of the Names of the Persons by them committed, and the Causes of such Committment, that the said Justice may take Order thereon in due Form of Law — That no Person committed by the said Commissioners, shall be discharged before the first day of May next.

VI. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall and may be lawful, to and for any Justice of the Peace within this State, to cause to be arrested and brought before him, any Person who shall come within his Jurisdiction, out of any Place in the Power of the Enemy, and to require sufficient Security for the Appearance of the Offender at the next Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be held for the County where such Offender shall be apprehended; and for his good Behaviour in the mean Time; and for the Want of such Security, to commit such Offender to the common Gaol, there to remain until he shall find such Security, or until the next General Sessions of the Peace where the Recognizance or Mittimus, as the Case may be, shall be returned, and which Recognizance or Mittimus shall respectively set forth, that the Offender, bound

over or committed, had without lawful Authority come within the Jurisdiction of such Justice, out of a Place within the Power of the Enemy; and thereupon it shall and may be lawful, to and for the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to commit such Offender to the common Gaol, there to remain until the then next Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery in the County, to answer unto all such Matters and Things as shall then and there be objected against such Offender (unless he shall be sooner thence discharged by due Course of Law) or the said Court of General Sessions of the Peace may take Surety according to their Discretion, for the Appearance of the Offender at such Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery, as aforesaid, then and there to answer in Manner aforesaid; or the said Court of General Sessions of the Peace may take Surety only for the good Behaviour of the Offender, or may permit him to go at large without Surety, as the said Court in their Discretion shall judge fit:

Provided always, That nothing in this Act contained, shall be construed in any Wise to restrain the Supreme Court of Judicature of this State, or any of the Justices of the said Court, from dealing with such Offender according to the Law, for any Crime of which such Offender may be accused or indicted before the said Court, or with which such Offender may be charged before any Justice of the said Court.



The Commissioners for Conspiracies Dr. To Leonard Gansevoort Junr. —

To my Services as Secretary to the Board of Commissioners for detecting & defeating Conspiracies from the 13 Day of April 1778 to the 22 Day of April 1780 being — — 329 Days @ 12/ per Day equal to 13/6 hard } 205-12-6

Deduct 1 day overcharg'd 14/

We the Subscribers late Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies do hereby certify that Leonard Gansevoort Junr. was employed by us as Secretary to our Board with the Allowance as specified in the above Account and that the Services as above charged have been actually performed by him. — Albany 22nd October 1784.

205..12..6

Mat. Visscher
John M. Beekman
Isaac D'Forest

To my Services as Secretary to the Board of Commissioners for Conspiracies from the 23 June 1780 to the 29 Day of April 1783 being 471 Days @ 14/ per Day — — — — } 329-14-6

329..14..—

535..6..6

We the Subscribers late Commissioners for detecting & defeating Conspiracies do hereby certify that Leonard Gansevoort Junr. was employed by us as Secretary to our Board with the Allowance as specified in the above Account and that the Services as above charged have been actually performed by him — Albany 22nd October 1784.

Leond. Gansevoort
John M. Beekman
Isaac D'Fonda

Certified Pay-Bill of Leonard Gansevoort, Jr. as Secretary to the Albany Board, 1778-1783

(One-half reduced)

APPENDIX II

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS.

This appendix is devoted to transcripts of the financial accounts of the entire body of commissioners for detecting and defeating conspiracies. It is the result of a careful page for page examination of manuscript records of the State Auditor and State Treasurer, now in the archives of the New York State Library. The *Audited Accounts* are by far the most important, because they are engrossed entries copied from the statements, bills or receipts which received approval from the State Auditor, and preserve full data. The *Day Book* and *Accounts* of the State Treasurer give the record of actual payment, but in much briefer form. Liquidation of these claims was not completed during the period of the war—hence the examination had to be prosecuted through subsequent years. Taken together, these records are believed to show, substantially, a complete account of the expenses of the commissioners in the seven counties in which they operated as a State body. It has not been deemed of value to print the co-ordinate bookkeeping records of these two State officers, from ledgers and journals. A conspectus of extant records follows:

STATE AUDITOR.

Audited Accounts, A and B, two folio volumes.

Book "A" contains the audits from May 22, 1782 to March 17, 1786. Book "B" contains those from March 18, 1786 to October 31, 1794. The dates are dates of audit of claims which begin as early as May, 1775.

Journal, two folio volumes.
Vol. 1: June 17, 1775 to December, 1785.
Vol. 2: January, 1786 to January, 1794.

State Treasurer

Day Book, folio.—Vol. 2: April 1, 1778 to September 20, 1784.

Accounts, three composite folio volumes.
Vol. 1: May 31, 1775 to December 31, 1780.
Vol. 2: January 4, 1781 to December 31, 1785.
Vol. 3: January 3, 1786 to January 10, 1797.

Journal, two folio volumes.
Vol. 1: May 31, 1775 to October 2, 1782.
Vol. 2: September 18, 1778 to September 20, 1784.

Ledger (bound with "Auditor's Journal") covers from May 31, 1775 to December 31, 1782.

The original receipts or other vouchers, mounted in a ponderous volume, are in the office of the State Comptroller, in *Revolutionary Manuscripts*, vol. 40. They are somewhat in a disarranged state, and many of them have suffered material mutilation by being cut down. By this unjustifiable process many indorsements and voucher numbers, relative to entries in the volumes of *Audited Accounts*, have been lost, whilst others are destroyed by the process of mounting them.

Audited Accounts A: 24 (NYSL)

State of New York To the Secretary
[Robert Harpur] Dr

To 230 days as Comr of Conspiracy @ 14/....	161 — " —			
By Cash.....	4 " 8 —			
		156	12	—

Audited 18th July 1783

Audited Accounts A : 24 (NYSL)

The State of New York D[r] in Acco[t] with Henry Williams as Commissioner for defeating Conspiracies —

For my Services for the days on which I was actually employ'd as Commissioner for defeating & detecting Conspiracies between 6[th] Sept[r] 1780 & 1[st] Jan[y] 1783 being 247 days at 14/ allow'd by Act 14[th] June 1780

247 days @ 14/ ..... 172 " 18 —

1783 Jan[y] 14. 8[th] Feb[y] 20[th] & 26[th] March

4 days @ 14/ ..... 2 " 16 —

175 14 —

Audited 18[th] July 1783

Audited Accounts A : 24 (NYSL)

State of New York to Gilbert Livingston D[r]

To my Services for the days on which I was actually employ'd as Com[r] for detecting & defeating Conspiracies between 23[d] Aug[t] 1780 & the 6[th] day of Jan[y] 1783 being 237 days @ 14/ ℔ day ..... 165 " 18 —

Credit

1780

Dec[r] 2 By Cash rece'd ..... 2 " 16 —

163 2 —

Audited 18[th] July 1783

Audited Accounts A : 29-30 (NYSL)

State of New York to Brinton Paine, Joseph M[c]Cracken, Peiatiah Fitch Scn[r] & Alex[r] M[c]Nutt Commissioners for detecting & defeating Conspiracies D[r]

1781, April 12. Brinton Paine, Two Days attending & One Days travel at 14/ ℔ day ..... 2 " 2 —

Joseph M[c]Cracken Two Days ditto ..... 1 " 8 " —

Alex[r] M[c]Nutt ... Two Days ditto ..... 1 " 8 " —

May 22. Brinton Paine, Jo[s] M[c]Cracken & Alex[r] M[c]Nutt One Day each & Paine One day travel ..... 2 " 16 " —

Audited Accounts A : 29-30 (NYSL)

Aug^{t} 29. The same Two days each, except Brinton Paine One Day only..... @ 14/	3 " 10 —		
Sept^{r} 6. The same.....The same.....	3 " 10 —		
To an Express from White Creek to Saratoga..	10 —		
8. To....ditto.....	10 —		
10. To....ditto to Little White Creek.....	10 —		
16. To sending Two Expresses to Bennington from White Creek & there waiting One Day extraordinary.....	3 " — " —		
1782, May 8, 9, 10. M^{c}Cracken, M^{c}Nutt & Fitch 3 days each.....	6 " 6 " —		
17. The same One Day each.....	2 " 2 " —		
1783, Feb^{y} 28. Fitch & M^{c}Nutt, One Day each	1 " 8 " —		
To a Clerk 12 Days @ 14/.....	8 " 8 " —		
Dec^{r} 31. M^{c}Cracken, M^{c}Nutt & Fitch 1 day each.....	2 " 2 " —		
To Sundries paid for Expence of Prisoners..	1 " 18 " —		
To Money paid to Persons for private intelligence.....	5 " — " —		
		46	8 —

Audited 4th Feb^{y} 1784

Audited Accounts A : 36 (NYSL)

State of New York to Ebenezer Purdy, Israel Honeywell, Joseph Strang, Nathan Rockwell & Philip Leek for incidental Expences & services done as Com^{rs} of Conspiracies in West Chester County

	D^{r} Continental
1781, Jan^{y}. To Cash paid Expences of a Guard to carry Peter Ferris to Poughkeepsie Goal..	£125 " 12 " —
Febr^{y}. To d^{o} to carry 3 dangerous Persons to Poughkeepsie Goal.....	120 " — " —
March. To d^{o} to carry a dangerous Man to d^{o}..	32 " — " —
April. To d^{o} p^{d} for carrying Abraham Whitmore a disaffected Man to ditto.....	80 " — " —
May. To d^{o} paid a Guard of 3 Men to carry Smith & Skenkly to Goal.....	256 " — " —
Continental	£613 " 12 " —

Audited Accounts A : 36 (NYSL)

Exchange at 40 for 1 is Specie	15 " 6 " 9		
June. To Cash p[d] a Guard for their Expence to carry sundry dangerous Persons to Poughkeepsie Goal	8 " 8 " —		
To d° p[d] Jesse Brush Expenee of Guard to attend the Commiss[rs] during the time of their sitting	2 " 12 " —		
To d° One Quire of Paper	3 " —		
To d° Andrew Brown to go below the Lines after a dangerous Person	3 " 4 " —		
To John Drake for the Expence of a Guard to take Care of Prisoners	3 " 6 " 6		
To Cash for Expense of a Man to go to Poughkeepsie to the Governor	1 " 12 " —		
	34 " 12 " 3		
To 55 days Wages for Eben[r] Purdy at 14/	38 " 10 " —		
51....d°....Israel Honeywell	35 " 14 " —		
16....d°....Joseph Strang	11 " 4 " —		
27....d°....Nathan Rockwell	23 " 18 " —		
5....d°....Philip Leak	3 " 10 " —		
	147 " 8 " 3		
C[r]			
1784, Jan[y] 29. By Cash reced of Treasurer by Ebenezer Purdy	20 " — " —		
		127	8 3

Audited March 19[th] 1784 —

Audited Accounts A : 40 (NYSL)

State of New York to Alex[r] Webster Eben[r] Clark, Alex[r] M[c]Nutt & John M[c]Clung Commiss[rs] of Conspiracy in the County of Charlotte for incidental Expenees & Serviees

			D[r]
1778, May 2. To Cash p[d] J. Doty ℔ Voueh[r]	Continental £3 " 4 " — ..	1 " 7 " 9¾	
30. To d°....Josh[a] Conkey.	3 " 4 " — ..	1 " 6 " 1½	
June 7. To d°....Beach....	1 " 12 " — ..	12 — ¾	

Audited Accounts A : 40 (NYSL)

Aug^{t} 5. To....d° p^{d} Alex^{r} Inmitt [*sic*].....	9 " 12 " —	..	3 " 5 " 6			
To....d° Eben^{r} Clark.....	1 " 4 " —					
18. To d° p^{d} Reuben Turner	— 16 —					
21. To d° ....Gershom Woodward.....	2 " 16 " —	..	— 19 " 5½			
Sept^{r} 1. To d° p^{d} Robert Armstrong.....	5 " 1 " —	..	1 " 9 " 9			
2. To d°....William Lyll..	— 18 —					
Dec^{r} 2 To d° p^{d} Robert Gilly	— 12 —					
To d° .... d° & Wilson....	3 " 4 " —	..	1 " 7 " 1¼			
To d° Alex^{r} Simpson.....	4 " 16 " —					
1779, Jan^{y} 5. To d° p^{d} John Armstrong.....	— 16 —					
8. To d° James Henderson	2 " 8 " 6	..	— 12 " 11¼			
9. To d° John Hursdon.....	— 8 —					
To d° Alex^{r} Turner.....	1 " 4 —					
April 21. To d° p^{d} John Hunsdon.....	7 " 18 " 2		— 13 " 8			
July 16. To d° p^{d} Edward Savage.....	4 " 16 " 6		— 6 " 2¾			
To d° p^{d} Robert Stewart in hard Money.....			6 " 12 " —			
To 101 days Service as Com^{r} by Alex^{r} Webster on the first Act passed 5th Feb^{y} 1778 @ 20/ Cont^{l} is 12/6 Specie; all before the 27th March 1783 when the Act was repeald.....			63 " 2 " 6			
To 90 days service by Ebenezer Clark @ 12/6			56 " 5 —			
To 132 days d° by Alex^{r} M^{c}Nutt..12/6.....			82 " 10 —			
To 138 days....d°....by John M^{c}Clung 12/6			86 " 5 —			
			306 " 15 " 1			
C^{r}						
1778, June 3. By cash from Matthew Fisher[1] at 265 Cont^{l} to 100 hard.....			150 18 10½			
				155	16	2¾

Audited April 13th 1784

[1] The correct form of the name is the Dutch equivalent Visscher.

Audited Accounts A : 108 (NYSL)

State of New York to Andrew Rynex Dr

To attending the Commissioners of Conspiracy as Constable in the District of Schenectady in the Year 1781 Nine Days at 6/ ℔ day	2	14	—

Audited 12th October 1784

Audited Accounts A : 108 (NYSL)

State of New York to Reynier Mynderse Dr

For attending as Commissioner of Conspiracy in the Years 1780, 1781 & 1782....Eighty Days at 14/ ℔ day	56	—	—

Audited 12th October 1784

Audited Accounts A : 108 (NYSL)

State of New York to Hugh Mitchell Dr

For attending as Commissioner of Conspiracy in the Years 1780, 1781 & 1782....Ninety Five Days @ 14/	66	10	—

Audited 12th October 1784

Audited Accounts A : 112 (NYSL)

State of New York to Abraham Oothout Dr

For attending as Commissioner of Conspiracy in the Years 1780, 1781 & 1782....86 days @ 14/ ℔ day	60	4	—
To Neeessaries provided for a Party of Men under the Command of Major Wemple as ℔ Bill.....	1	18	—
	£62	2	—

Audited October 18th 1784

The State of New York in Account Current whit [*sic*] the Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies.[1]

Audited Accounts A : 147 (NYSL)

Vouchers for money paid Dr

N° 1	Isaiah Butler.....	£10	—	—
" 2	Rutger Bleecker.....	20	—	—
" 3	Justicia van Hoesen[2].....	7	—	—
" 4	Commissioners of Charlotte County.....	400	—	—
" 5	Jonathan Beacraft.....	7	—	—

[1] The original statement in the handwriting of Leonard Gansevoort, Jr., is in *Revolutionary MSS.*, vol. 40, p. 159, in the office of the State Comptroller, and is more accurate as to names. Serious errors are here pointed out in annotations.

[2] Justice Van Hoesen.

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		£		
N°	6 Peter Bont	3	4	—
"	7 Burger Blauw[1]	3	4	—
"	8 Jacob Wiltse	4	—	—
"	9 Joseph Gilford	17	2	4
"	10 Jacob van Valkenburgh	12	16	—
"	11 Isaac Shelden	5	10	—
"	12 Cornelius C Muller	4	7	—
"	13 Cloude van Deusen	4	—	—
"	14 Richard Bronck	3	4	—
"	15 Cornelius van Deusen	—	16	—
"	16 Leonard Gansevoort Junior	16	1	4
"	17 Cornelius Humfrey	14	—	8
"	19 Christopher Hawk	—	16	—
"	18 Cornelius Humfrey	6	2	—
"	20 John Smith	40	—	—
"	21 Leonard Gansevoort Junior	4	—	—
"	22 Wilhelmus Haines	1	4	—
"	23 Isaac A. Fonda	21	4	—
"	24 John Seton	5	—	—
"	25 Cornelius Humfrey	7	2	8
"	26 John Smith	6	7	8
"	27 Mathew Aerson	8	17	4
"	28 John Ryley	460	18	4
"	29 John Sloss	—	16	—
"	30 James Knowles	4	16	—
"	31 Cornelius Groesbeeck	4	2	—
"	32 Samuel Lauden[2]	2	8	—
"	33 Cornelius Humfrey	4	—	—
"	34 Daniel Kettle	3	—	—
"	35 Christopher Hawk	3	4	—
"	36 Clyne and Robinson[3]	26	8	—
"	37 Jacob Klyne[4]	11	—	—
"	38 John Ryley	7	16	—
"	39 Samuel Shaw	5	16	—
"	40 John Vischer	34	16	—

[1] Burger Clauw.
[2] Samuel Loudon, the printer.
[3] Robison.
[4] Kline.

Audited Accounts A : 147 (NYSL)	N°	41 Samuel Loadman	£5	15	6
	〃	42 Stephen Bell	16	17	4
	〃	43 Isaac Bogert	27	6	—
	〃	44 David van Rensselaer	15	14	8
	〃	45 Peter Gunsalis	92	15	6
	〃	46 Cornelius C: vanden Bergh	63	13	6
	〃	47 John Lansing Junior	20	—	—
	〃	48 Leonard Gansevoord Junior	18	—	—
	〃	49 Ab^{m} Lansing & Ab^{m} vanden Berg	98	5	—
	〃	50 Alexander Anderson	8	—	—
	〃	51 Isaac Goes	5	—	—
	〃	52 Stephen Bell	24	12	—
	〃	53 John H: Beeckman	19	16	—
	〃	54 Cornelius Humfrey	42	—	—
	〃	55 Hugh Mitchell	43	—	—
	〃	56 Myndert Wemple[1]	4	—	—
	〃	57 Robert Smith	1	4	—
	〃	58 Wessel van Schaick	26	—	—
	〃	59 Volkert Dawson	13	17	4
	〃	60 Stephen Bell	25	4	—
	〃	61 John Smith	20	—	—
	〃	62 Jeremiah van Rensselaar	6	8	—
	〃	63 Col: Porters[2]	36	—	—
	〃	64 Cornelius C: Miller	34	2	—
	〃	65 Stephen Viele	16	—	—
	〃	66 Christopher P: Yates	166	4	—
	〃	67 Stephen Bell	47	16	—
	〃	68 Denis M: Carty	4	16	—
	〃	69 William Colbrath[3]	20	—	—
	〃	70 Peter Magee	27	10	8
	〃	71 Jonathan Sever	2	—	—
	〃	72 Philip Conine	100	—	—
	〃	73 Stephen Hoyt[4]	25	—	—
	〃	74 Samuel T: ten Broeck[5]	10	2	8

[1] Myndert A. Wemple.
[2] Porter.
[3] Colbreath.
[4] Hoit or Hayt.
[5] Samuel I. Ten Broeck

Audited Accounts A : 147 (NYSL)	N°	75 Edward Archer	£22	10	—
	"	76 Mathew Vischer	4	—	—
	"	77 David Gibson	28	14	—
	"	78 Cloude van Deusen & Peter Bont	7	8	—
	"	79 Commissioners of Charlotte county	100	—	—
	"	80 Hugh M^{c}Adam	32	—	—
	"	81 John C Lansing[1]	217	17	3
	"	82 Jeremiah Fonda	8	—	—
	"	83 William Harrison	28	5	4
	"	84 John M^{c} Coy	11	15	—
	"	85 John Ja Beeckman	24	10	—
	"	86 Henry Shaver	80	—	—
	"	87 Bethuel Washburn	197	—	—
	"	88 Cornelius Cuyler	92	11	4
	"	89 Jesse Fairchilds[2]	222	16	—
	"	90 Ezra Buel	8	—	—
	"	91 Bethuel Washburn	128	12	—
	"	92 Jacob Slingerland[3]	28	12	—
	"	93 Peter Seeger	20	—	—
	"	94 Jeremiah van Rensselaar	15	12	—
	"	95 John 5 Lansing	202	8	10
	"	96 Petrus Wynkoop	100	—	—
	"	97 Bethuel Washburn	371	2	—
	"	98 Bethuel Washburn	67	12	—
	"	99 Richard Yselstyn[4]	7	11	4
	"	100 Bethuel Washburn	41	17	—
	"	101 Bethuel Waschburn	58	4	—
	"	102 Isaac D: Fonda	74	3	—
	"	103 John Fonda Junior	74	—	—
	"	104 Thomas Ismay	91	19	6
	"	105 Daniel Dickinson[5]	46	16	—
	"	106 Leonard Gansevoort Junior	144	—	—
	"	107 Amaziach Winchester[6]	96	16	—
	"	108 Jacob Gaul	50	—	—
	"	109 Bethuel Waschburn[7]	25	4	—
	"	110 Mathew Vischer	210	—	—

[1] John 5 Lansing.
[2] Fairchild.
[3] Slingerlandt.
[4] Esselstyne.
[5] Dickison.
[6] Amaziah Winchester
[7] Washburn.

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		£	s	d
N° 111	Jesse Fairchilds[1]	765	12	—
" 112	Stephen Bell	80	—	—
" 113	Jacob Kidney	80	—	—
" 114	Jacob Kidney	60	—	—
" 115	Leonard Gansevoort Junior	292	8	—
	Continental	£6506	16	1

1778 Money received Cr

28 April	To cash received from G: Bancker Esqr Treasurer of the State of New York	£1000	—	—
12 August	To cash from dito	1000	—	—
1779				
15 Jann	To ditto " do in Sundry Payments	1000	—	—
31 May	To ditto ditto	1500	—	—
21 Oct:	To ditto ditto	2000	—	—
	Balance due commissrs carried to Specie account	6	16	1
	Continental	£6506	16	

J: V: Rensselaar
Math: Visscher
John Mr Beeckman
} late Commissrs

Dr

		£	s	d
To Ball pr contra brot forward £6. 16. 1 reduced in Specie is		—	3	4
N° 111	To a Ballance on an Account of Jesse Fairchild	3	12	9
" 112	To " ditto " " do " Stephen Bell	72	—	—
" 54	To " ditto " " do " Cornelius Humfrey	20	19	6
" 16	To an Acc: of James McMaster	6	5	—
" 1	To amt of Stephen Bell's acct pr Voucher	30	—	—
" 2	To do " Jesse Hainhild[2]	81	17	10
" 3	To do Jacob Kidney	70	10	—
" 4	To do Robert Hassin[3]	2	—	—
" 5	To do Peter Bronk	4	2	4
" 6	To Robbert Kennedy	6	—	—
" 7	To John D: Clute	—	8	—
" 8	Coenraad Klyne	9	—	2

[1] Fairchild.
[2] The auditor's record is incorrect, as the name should be Fairchild.
[3] Harper.

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N°:	9	John Fortfuydt	£16	16	—
"	10	Thomas Cole	5	4	—
"	11	Robert Kennedy	8	—	—
"	12	Jac: Caldwell	12	—	—
"	13	Stuwart Deane[1]	86	2	—
"	14	John Vissher	1	6	6
"	15	David Gibson	5	4	—
"	17	Goose van Schaick	14	16	—
"	18	David Fonda	1	17	8
"	20	Amt: of Isaac D Fondas acct as Commissioner	467	19	6
"	21	do " S: Stringer d° d°	283	6	—
"	22	d° " John M: Beeckman d°	499	7	—
"	23	d° " Mathew Vissher[2] d°	284	15	6
"	19	Isaac D: Fonda	—	18	7
"	24	Amt: of Jerem: Van Rensselaar acct as Commissr	138	9	6
"	25	" " L: Gansevoort Junior as Clerk	534	12	6
"	26	d° to diffr: people	23	5	4
			£2690	19	

Cr:

1780				
16 Dec:	By cash from the Treasury	£41	—	—
1781				
17 Sept.	" d° " d°	160	—	—
19 Nov.	" d° " d°	76	—	—
1782				
16 Jann	" d° " d°	73	14	—
11 Maart	" d° " d°	350	—	—
Received from forfeited Recognizances from	T: Truax[3]	80	—	—
" " " " "	P. Trimhout[4]	—	15	6
" " " " "	P: Empie[5]	12	—	—
" " " " "	I. Collayer[6]	20	—	—
Balances due the Commissioners		1868	9	6
		2690	19	—

[1] Stewart Dean.
[2] Visscher.
[3] Jacob Truax.
[4] Peter Finehout.
[5] Philip Empie.
[6] Isaac Collayer.

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D^r^

To Ball. p^r^ Contra	1868	9	6
To am^t^ of Petrus Wynkoops acc.	60	—	—
" d^o^ Hugh Mitchel	21	1	6
	1949	11	—
Balance due the Commissioners	1949	11	—

Audited 19 November 1784.

Audited Accounts A : 208 (NYSL)

State of New York D^r^ to Joseph Gasharic Corn^s^ E. Wynkoop & Corn^s^ Schoonmaker Commissioners of Conspiracies

	To Joseph Gasharie as ℔ Acco^t^ N^o^ 1.	10	6	—	
	To Corn^s^ E. Wynkoop ℔ d^o^ 2.	9	2	—	
	To Corn^s^ Schoonmaker ℔ d^o^ 3.	9	16	—	
1781					
July 31	To Cash p^d^ Cap^t^ Bogardus as ℔ Rec^t^.	6	—	—	
1782					
Feb^y^ 8	To Cash p^d^ Corn^s^ Bicker.. ℔ ditto..	3	12	—	
26	To d^o^ paid Martin Snyder.. ℔ ditto..	3	15	—	
June 8	To d^o^ paid Augustus Jay.. ℔ ditto..	2	8	—	
		44	19	—	
1781					
Dec^r^	By Cash rece'd of the Treasurer	40	—	—	4 19 —

Audited 11^th^ April 1785 —

Audited Accounts A : 208 (NYSL)

State of New York to Egbert Benson D^r^

To my Service as a Commissioner for Conspicies from the 5^th^ Feb^y^ 1778 to the time of my resigning the said Office 400 Days @ 20/ ℔ day pursuant to the Act of the Legislature of 5^th^ Feb^y^ 1778	£400	—	—		
Deduct for depreciation at 160 for 100 is equal to 12 / 6 ℔ day	150	—	—	250	— —

Audited 11^th^ April 1785 —

Audited Accounts A : 210 (NYSL)

State of New York to Robert Harpur — Dr:

For my Services as a Commissioner for Conspiracies from 13th July 1778 to 4th Jany 1780 pursuant to the Act of the Legislature of 5th Feby 1778 — 370 days @ 20/..... 370 " — " —

Deduct for Depreciation at 160 for 100..... 138 " 15 " — 231 5 —

Audited 12th April 1785 —

Audited Accounts A : 213 (NYSL)

State of New York Dr to Cornelius E. Wynkoop

For 50 days Service as a Commissioner for detecting and defeating Conspiracies from the 17th April 1778 to 26th Augt 1780 at Poughkeepsie..... @ 20 / ℔ day..... 50 " — " —

For 3 days service as ditto at Kingston @ 20/. 3 " — " —

53 " — " —

Deduct Depreciation at 160 for 100..... 19 " 17 " 6 33 2 6

Audited 14th April 1785 —

Audited Accounts A : 213 (NYSL)

State of New York Dr: to Cornelius Schoonmaker

To 60 Days Service from 4th July 1778 to 15th Septr 1779 as a Commissioner of Conspiracies @ 20/ ℔ day..... 60 " — " —

To 39 Days ditto from 6th Septr 1780 to 26th March 1783 as above @ 14/ ℔ day..... 27 " 6 " —

87 " 6 " —

Cr:

By Depreciation deducted on £60 at 160 for 100..... 22 " 10 " — 64 16 —

Audited 14th April 1785 —

Audited Accounts A : 215 (NYSL)

State of New York Dr to Israel Thompson Esqr late one of the Commissrs of Conspiracies

For 22 days Attendance (as Commissioner by Virtue of an Act of the Legislature passed 5th Febv 1778) between the 9th April & 25th June 1778 @ 20/ ..... 22 " — " —

To 3 days travelling to & from Pougkepsie @ 20/ ..... 3 " — " —

25 " — " —

By Depreciation on £25 — " — @ 160 for 100. 9 " 7 " 6 — 15 12 6

Audited 19th April 1785 —

Audited Accounts A : 216 (NYSL)

State of New York Dr to Comrs of Conspiracies

To Teunis Tappen Secretary to the Commissrs for Amot of his Accot of incidental Charges and his Pay as Secretary to the Board... 500 " 2 " 8

Cr

1779

March 11 By Cash return'd by Isaac Bloom for One Barrel Pork spoil'd — purchas'd for the Use of the Prisoners £18 " — " — Contl reduc'd to Specie at 1000 for 100... 1 " 16 —

Octobr By Cash rece'd from Sundry Tory Prisoners to defray their Expences Vizt

William Tud.....	21 " 12 " 9	
William Ealigh...	2 " 8 " —	
William Brown...	2 " 8 " —	1 " 17 " 3
Nicholas Stickle..	5 " 18 " —	
William Wood....	2 " 15 " 4	
Simon Low.....	2 " 16 " —	
Contl Curry	37 " 18 " 1	

£37 " 18 " 1 Contl reduced to Specie @ 2032 for 100..... 3 " 13 " 3 — 496 9 5

Audited 19th April 1785

Audited Accounts A : 216 (NYSL)

State of New York Dr. to Comrs. of Conspiracies for Dutchess County by Virtue of an Act of the Legislature passed 5th Febry 1778 —

To Zephaniah Platt, between 6th April 1778 & 1st Jany 1780 — 90 days @ 20/ ℔ day £90 — „ — reduc'd at 160 for 100.....	56	5	—		
To Thomas Moffat between 10th June 1778 & 27th of same Month 15 days @ 20/..... £15 — „ — reduc'd at 160 for 100.....	9	7	6		
To Joseph Strang between 22d June 1778 & 1st April 1779 — 13 days @ 20/..... £13 — „ — reduc'd at 160 for 100.....	8	2	6		
To Peter Cantine Junr. between 15th Novr 1779 & 20th of same Month — 6 days @ 20/ £6 — „ — reduc'd at 160 for 100.....	3	15	—	77	10 —

Audited 19th April 1785

Audited Accounts A : 284-5 (NYSL)

State of New York Dr to Joseph Strang One of the Commissioners for detecting & defeating Conspiracies in Dutchess County

	Days
To my Services as Commissr. from 19th March to May 5th 1777 both days included.....	15
To ditto from 23d June to 4th July 1778.....	7
To ditto from 13th Augt to 4th Septr 1778....	18
To ditto 14th & 15th Septr 1778 looking about to carry some Persons to be sent off.....	2
To my Services as Commissr 1st & 2d Octr 1778 attending the Commissrs. at Pougkepsie & preparing to send Persons off.....	2
To ditto from 1st to 10th Novr 1778 notifying such Persons as were directed to go within the Enemies Lines & sending them off.....	4½
	48½ days

48½ days @ 20 ℔ day reduc'd at 160 100.....	30	6	3		

Audited Accounts A : 284-5 (NYSL)

1778

Sept[r] 4 To Cash paid John Haynes for 16 days riding in Service of Commissioners	26 „ — „ —				
To ditto p[d] Samuel Lyon for notifying Evidences & other Services	3 „ — „ —				
To ditto paid for Paper & Quills..	1 „ 1 „ 4				
	30 „ 1 „ 4				
£30 „ 1 „ 4 redue'd at 400 for 100 is Specie.....		7 „ 10 „ 4			
		37 „ 16 „ 7			

Cr.

1785

April 19 By an Acco[t] audited this day for.....		8 „ 2 „ 6	29	14	1

Audited 19[th] October 1785 —

Audited Accounts A : 316 (NYSL)

State of New York D[r] to Ebenezer Purdy as One of the Commiss[rs] for detecting Conspiracies

To Cash paid for hire of Guards & their Expences while in Service.....			18	4	—

Audited 25[th] February 1786

Audited Accounts B : 44 (NYSL)

State of New York to Charles R. Webster

1783 Dr.

April 14 To inserting in the New York Gazetteer an Act entitled an Act to repeal an Act entitled An Act to revive the Laws appointing Commissioners for detecting & defeating Conspiracies & to give certain powers to Magistrates & Courts therein mention'd passed the 27[th] March 1783 making in the said paper 4½ squares at 8/ ℔ square.....			1	16	—

Audited 25[th] August 1786

Audited Accounts B : 127 (NYSL)

State of New York to Josiah Ingersol Dr

To Certain services performed for the State at the Request of Zephaniah Platt and Egbert Benson late Commissioners for Conspiracies &c in transporting Certain quantities of Beef and having the same Smooked to prevent it from Spoiling in the year 1779 ..... 2 0 0

Sworn to by Egbert Benson

Aud 22 Novr 1787

Audited Accounts B : 190 (NYSL)

The Commissioners for Conspiracies &c

To Robert Hoffman Dr

Cr

To 3 Barrell of Superfine Flour 1 3 0 each at 30/ ℔ hundred	7	17	6
To 3 Barril @ 2/6 each		7	6
	£ 8	5	—

Sworn to by Stephen Hendrickson and Robert Hoffman

Audited June 30th 1789.

STATE TREASURER

Day Book, Vol.2 — April, 1778 to September, 1784

(Archives of New York State Library)

	£	s	d
April 28th 1778			
Jeremiah V: Rensselaer, Isaac D. Fonda &c the Commissrs of Conspiracy in Albany appointed by virtue of the late Law. Dr			
To Cash 1933	1000	—	—
July 1st 1778			
Sundry Accounts Dr To Cash viz:			
Zephaniah Platt &c the Commissioners of Conspiracy at Poughkepsie last appd 2002	1500	—	—

Audited Accounts B:212–213 (NYSL)

State of New York Dr to Teunis Tappen, appointed by the Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies in the State of New York to Supply the Prisoners Confined by them with Bread —

1779					
July	To flour by him furnished for the use of the Prisoners Committed by order of the Commissioners for Detecting and defeating Conspiracies &c from the 16th day of July 1779 until the 31st day of the same Month Quantity	C qr # 2 „ 0 „ 16 at £20. Cont!	£ 42 „ 17 „ 1 @ 1631 for 100	2	12	6
Augt	To D° from the 1 Day of August 1779 until 31st of the same Month	6 „ 1 „ 1 at D°	D° 125 „ 3 „ 6 @ 1709 D°	7	6	5
Sept	To D° from the 1 Day of Sept 1779 until 30 of the same Month	6 „ 0 „ 26 at D°	D° 124 „ 13 „ 0 @ 1908 D°	6	10	7
Octo	To D° from the 1 Day of Octo 1779 until 30 of the	D° 4 „ 3 „ 10 @ 24	D° 116 „ 2 „ 10 @ 2151 D°	5	7	11
Nov	To D° D° 1 D° Nov— D° until	D° 5 „ 1 „ 18 @ D°	D° 127 „ 17 „ 2 @ 2433 D°	5	6	8
Dec	To D° D° 1 D° Decem D° until 31st	D° 5 „ 0 „ 0 @ £40	D° 200 „ 0 „ 0 @ 2741 D°	7	5	11
1780						
Jany	To D° D° 1 D° Jany 1780 until 31st	D° 4 „ 0 „ 24 @ 60	D° 252 „ 17 „ 2 @ 3115 D°	8	2	2
Febr	To D° D° 1 D° Febr D° until 28	D° 3 „ 0 „ 22 @ D°	D° 191 „ 15 „ 9 @ 3533 D°	5	8	7
March	To D° D° 1 D° March D° D° 31	D° 3 „ 1 „ 17 @ D°	D° 204 „ 2 „ 1 @ 4000 D°	5	2	
Aprl	To D° D° 1 D° April D° D° 30	D° 3 „ 3 „ 12				
May	To D° D° 1 D° May D° D° 31st	D° 3 „ 3 „ 7				
June	To D° D° 1 D° June D° D° 30th	D° 3 „ 3 „ 26				
July	To D° D° 1 D° July D° D° 31st	D° 4 „ 1 „ 9	15 „ 3 „ 26 at 40/ in Specie	31	18	6
Augt	To D° D° 1 D° Augt D° D° 31	D°	5 „ 3 „ 15 @ 32/ do	6	4	5
Sept	To D° D° 1 D° Sept D° D° 30	D° 4 „ 0 „ 8				
Octo	To D° D° 1 D° Octo D° D° 31	D° 4 „ 2 „ 5				
Nov	To D° D° 1 D° Nov D° D° 30	D° 4 „ 1 „ 0	12 „ 3 „ 13 at 28 /	18	0	3
Decr	To D° D° 1 D° Decr D° D° 30	D° 5 „ 1 „ 26				
1781						
Jany	To D° D° 1 D° Jany 1781 D° 31	D° 0 „ 3 „ 19				
Feby	To D° D° 1 D° Feby D° D° 28	D° 0 „ 2 „ 22				
March	To D° D° 1 D° March D° D° 31	D° 1 „ 3 „ 9				
April	To D° D° 1 D° April D° D° 30	D° 3 „ 2 „ 24				
May	To D° D° 1 D° May D° D° 31	D° 5 „ 0 „ 2				
June	To D° D° 1 D° June D° D° 30	D° 3 „ 3 „ 14				
July	To D° D° 1 D° July D° D° 31	D° 2 „ 3 „ 25	24 „ 2 „ 1 at 24/	29	8	2
Augt	To D° D° 1 D° Augt D° D° 31	D° 3 „ 1 „ 19				
Sept	To D° D° 1 D° Sept D° D° 30	D° 2 „ 1 „ 24				
Octo	To D° D° 1 D° Octo D° D° 31	D° 2 „ 1 „ 20				
Nov	To D° D° 1 D° Nov D° D° 31	D° 1 „ 2 „ 16	C qr #			
Decm	To D° D° 1 D° Decm D° D° 30	D° 1 „ 1 „ 16	11 „ 1 „ 11 @ 20/	11	7	
1782						
Jany	To D° D° 1 D° Jany 1782 D° 31	D° 2 „ 1 „ 14	C qr #			
Feby	To D° D° 1 D° Feby D° D° 28	D° 2 „ 0 „ 24	4 „ 2 „ 16 at 18/3	4	3	9
March	To D° D° 1 D° Mar D° D° 31	D° 1 „ 3 „ 3				
Aprl	To D° D° 1 D° Aprl D° D° 30th	D° 1 „ 1 „ 24	C qr #			
May	To D° D° 1 D° May D° D° 31	D° 2 „ 1 „ 7	5 „ 2 „ 6	4	8	10
June	To D° D° 1 D° June D° D° 30	D° 2 „ 1 „ 2				
July	To D° D° 1 D° July D° D° 30	D° 2 „ 0 „ 6	4 „ 1 „ 8 at 18/3	3	18	11
	To D° D° 1 D° Augt D° D° 15 days To May 1783 of Which the Account is lost about		12 „ 0 „ 0 @ 23/	13	16	
				176	8	7
1778 Octr 1779	Thomas Greves's Account for services by him performed by order of the Commissioners &c £5 „ 0 „ 0 Continental at 500 for 100			1	—	—
Jay 1781	To Thomas Corbins D° for like Services		35 „ 18 „ 0 D° at 796 do	4	10	2
June 1	To James Rosekrance D° D° D°		in Specie	12	16	—
July 16	To David Elliot D° D° D°		D°	6	16	—
1782 My	To David Elliot 2d Acct D° .. D°			6	16	—
	Audited 1st December 1789			£208	6	9

	£	s	d
July 12th 1778			
Jeremiah V Renselaer &c the Commrs of Conspiracy at Albany Dr to Cash .....2037.....	1000	—	—
August 28th 1778			
Zephaniah Platt &c Commissioners of Conspiracy Dr To Cash .....2038.....	500	—	—
September 25th 1778			
Sundry Accounts Dr To Cash viz.t			
Zepheniah Platt &c Commrs of Conspiracy.....2067.....	500	—	—
November 8, 1778			
Sundry Accounts Dr To Cash viz.t			
Zephaniah Platt &c Commissioners of Conspy in part of the £3000 Credit by a Law passed the [*blank*].....2084	500	—	—
January 1st 1779			
Sundry Accounts Dr To Cash viz.t			
Zephaniah Platt &c the Commrs of Conspy at Poughkepsie.....2098	2000	—	—
January 1st 1779			
Sundry Accounts Dr To Cash viz.t			
Egbert Benson &c Comrs Conspiracy.....2104	4021	17	6
January 15th 1779			
Jeremiah V Rensselaer &c The Albany Comrs Conspiracy Dr			
To Rooseboom Bancker & White for so much J McKesson received from them & paid you.....£500 " — " —			
To Leonard Gansevoort Treasurer of the Co. of Albany for my Draft on L Gansevoort..... 500 " — " —	1000	---	—
for the above two Sums See their Order & J McKessons Receipt			
May 31st 1779			
Jeremiah V Rensselaer &c Dr To Cash.....2247	1500	—	—

	£	s	d
June 30 1779			
Zephaniah Platt &c. Dr. (May 29th)			
To Cash Advanced to them a[s] Commrs of			
Conspiracy.....2258	1500	—	—
October 15th 1779			
Sundry Accounts Dr. To Cash vizt.			
Zephh. Platt &a on Accot. 2279	2000	—	—
October 21st 1779			
Jeremiah V. Rensselaer &c. Dr.			
To Cash pd. Matthew Fisher[1] one of the			
Commrs of Conspiracy of the County of			
Albany.....2281	2000	—	—
November 18th 1779			
Sundry Accounts Dr To Cash vizt.			
Zephaniah Platt &c Commrs of Conspiracy 2368	2000	—	—
September 23d 1780			
Sundry Accots Dr. To Cash vizt.			
Zephh. Platt &a Commrs of Conspiracy the			
Ballance of an Account this day settled.....2503A.....	56	—	11
January 29th 1781			
Cash Dr. To Zephaniah Platt &a a repaymt of			
£2000. which they had not Credited in their			
Account Audited & Settled at Poughkeepsie.....	2000	—	—
To State of N Y reqd. of ditto the forfeited			
Recognizance of Peter Storm.....	400	—	—
of ditto....Do....of Jas Hammond junr.....	268	—	—
June 12th 1781			
Jeremiah V. Rensselaer & Co Commrs of Con-			
spiracy Dr			
To Cash paid them the 16th December last			
£ 41 „ N E. at 40. the then Exchange 2611	1640	—	—

[1] Visscher.

		£	s	d
September 17th 1781				
Sundry Accounts Dr To Cash viz:				
Jeremiah V Rensselaer &c Commissioners of Conspiracy in Albany £160.....				
N. E.....2783 £160.....		12000	—	—
November 19th 1781				
Joseph Gasherie Cornelius Schoonmaker and Cornelius E Wynkoop Commrs of Conspiracy Dr To Cash 2809 £40 " — " —		3000	—	—
Jeremiah V. Rensselaer &c Commrs of Conspiracy 2812 76 " — " —		5700	—	—
January 16th 1782				
Jeremiah V Rensselaer & Co. Dr To Cash £73 " 14 " — N E —	2823	5527	10	—
March 11th 1782				
Jeremiah V Rensselaer & Co Dr To Cash paid Leonard Gansevoort junr ℔ their Order £350 N Emission	2831	26250	—	—
January 29 1784				
Sundry Accounts Dr To Cash viz: Honeywell, Purdy & Rockwl Commrs Conspy for W: Chester £20 " — " —	2984	1500	—	—
February 20th 1784				
State of New York Dr To Cash pd Ab. DePeyster Clerk of Commrs Conspy £50 —	2989	3750	—	—
May 5th 1784				
State of New York Dr To Sundry Accounts viz:				
To Alexander Webster, Ebenezer Clark, Alexander McNitt and John McClung Commissioners of Conspy in Charlotte County for Amount of their Accots of Contingencies.....say Ball 3027 £ 155 " 16 " 2¾.....		11685	17	2

	£	s	d
May 24th 1784 Zephaniah Platt &c the Commissrs of Conspiracy at Poughkeepsie Dr To Cash pd R Harpur one of the Members of that Board.....3165 £100.....	7500	—	—
May 24th 1784 State of New York Dr To Sundry Accounts vizt To Zephaniah Platt &c for the pay of Robert Harpur a Member of the Board of Commrs of Conspiracy 3165 £ 156 " 12 " —	11745	—	—
September 3d 1784 Sundry Accots Dr To Cash vizt Zeph Platt &c pd R. Harpr 3336 £56 12 —	4245	—	—

STATE TREASURER

Accounts — May, 1775 to January, 1797

(Archives of New York State Library)

1778			£	s.	d.
Sept 23	By Cash from Egbert Benson &c Commrs of Conspiracy		47	17	4
April 28	To Cash pd Jeremiah V. Rensselaer, Isaac D Fonda &c Commissioners for detecting Conspiracies	1933	1000	—	—
July 1	To Cash pd Zephaniah Platt &c the new Appd Commissioners of Conspiracy. diffr Paymts	2002	1500	—	—
July 12	To do pd Sergt David Mills pay of a party to apprehend disaffected persons	2023	50	—	—
Augt 12	To do pd Jeremiah V. Rensselaer &c the Commrs of Conspiracy in Albany on Account	2037	1000	—	—
28	To do pd Platt &c the Commrs of Conspiracy at Poughkepsie on Accot	2038	500	—	—

			£	s	d
Sept^{r} 25	To d^{o} p^{d} Zephaniah Platt &^{c} the Commiss^{rs} of Conspiracy at Poughkepsie on Acco^{t}	2067	500	—	—
Nov. 8	To Cash p^{d} Zephaniah Platt &^{c} the last Appointed Commissioners of Conspiracy in part of the £3000 C^{r} by a Late Law	2084	500	—	—
1779					
Jan^{y} 1	Paid Zephaniah Platt &^{c} the Commiss^{rs} of Conspiracy at Poughkeepsie on Acco^{t}	2098	2000	—	—
1	Paid Egbert Benson &^{c} Comm^{rs} of Consp^{y}	2104	4021	17	6
May 31	Paid Jeremiah V Rensselaer &^{c} Comm^{rs} Consp^{y} at Albany	2247	1500	—	—
June 30	Paid Zep^{h} Platt &^{c} Comm^{rs} Conspiracy on Acco^{t}	2258	1500	—	—
Octob^{r} 15	Paid Zep^{h} Platt &^{c} Comm^{rs} Conspiracy	2279	2000	—	—
21	Paid Jeremiah V Rensselaer &^{c} Com. Consp^{y}	2281	2000	—	—
Nov^{r} 18	Paid Zeph^{h} Platt &^{c} Commrs Seq^{n} [*sic*]	2368	2000	—	—
1780					
Sep. 23	Paid Zephaniah Platt &^{c} Comm^{rs} Consp^{y} A	2503	56	0	11
1781					
June 6	Paid Jeremiah V. Rensselaer &^{c} Com. Consp^{y}	2611	1640	—	—
Sep^{t} 17	Paid Jer^{h} V. Rensselaer &^{c} Commissioners of Conspiracy £160	2783	12000	—	—
Nov^{r} 19	Paid Gasherie Schoonmaker & Wynkoop Comm^{rs} Conspiracy £40	2809	3000	—	—
19	Paid Jer: V. Rensselaer & Com.Cons: £76	2812	5700	—	—
1781					
Jan^{y} 29	From Zep^{h} Platt &^{c} Com. Consp^{y} [1]		2000	—	—
	From d^{o} for Sundry Forfeited Recognizances		668	—	—
1782					
Jan^{y} 16	Paid Jer: V Rensselaer & Com: Consp: N E £73 „ 14 —	2823	5527	10	—
March 11	Paid Jer: V Rensselaer &^{c} Com: Cons: N E £350	2831	26250	—	—

[1] This item is out of order in the original.

1784			Specie £	s	d	Continental £	s	d
Jan^{y} 29	To Honeywell, Purdy & Rockwell, Commiss Consp. W. Chester	2984	20	"	"	1500	"	"
Feb^{y} 20	To D^{o} Ab: Depeyster, Clk of Commiss: Cons. £50 " — " —	2989	50	"	"	3750		
May 5	To Webster, Clark &^{c} in part (Commiss: Conspiracy)	3027	34	8	3	2580	18	9
May 24	To Zepheniah Platt &^{c} Commiss: Consp. at Poughkeepsie p^{d} R. Harpur, a mem^{r} of that board	3165	100	"	"	7500	"	"
Sep^{t} 3	To Zephaniah Platt &^{c} p^{d} R. Harpur Conspiracies	3336	56	12	"	4245	"	"
October 11	Paid Gilbert Livingston, Commiss^{r} of Conspir^{y}	3377				163	2	"
12	Paid Rynier Mynderse Com^{r} Conspir^{y} for Schen^{y}	3378				56	"	"
12	Paid Andrew Renex Ditto	3379				2	14	"
12	Paid Hugh Mitchell Ditto	3380				66	10	"
Nov. 20	Paid Jeremiah V. Renselaer &C^{o} Com^{s} Conspir^{y}	3449				1949	11	"
25	Paid Rynier Mynderse &C^{o} Com^{s} Consp^{y}	3454				62	2	"
1785								
April 12	Paid Egbert Benson &C^{o} Com^{s} Consp^{y}	3670				250	"	"
12	Paid Robert Harpur D^{o}	3671				231	5	"
14	Paid Zepheniah Platt &^{c} Commiss: Consp^{y}	3684				64	16	"
18	Paid Gasherie, Schoonmaker & Wynkoop, the Ballance of their Account C. C.	3688				4	19	"
May 7	Paid Zeph^{a} Platt &C^{o} Com^{rs} Conspiracy	3718				56	5	"
October 21	Paid Joseph Strang, a Com^{r} of Consp^{y}	3908				29	14	1
Decem^{r} 20	Paid Joseph Strang, a Commiss^{r} of Conspiracy	3974				8	2	6

			£	s	d
1786					
Januar 23d	Paid Peter Cantine, late Commissr Conspi.	4021	3	15	"
1787					
Novemr 24	Paid Egbert Benson for so much Advd by him as Commissioner of Conspiracy	5158	2	"	"
1791					
November 19th	Paid Thomas Moffat, as a Commissioner of Conspiracy	7053	9	7	6
1792					
January 14	Paid Thomas Moffat a Ballce due to Moffat, Wissner & Cooper, Commissrs of Conspiracy for Orange	7085	42	3	11

APPENDIX III

MISCELLANEA

FIRST GENERAL COMMISSION OF COMMISSIONERS FOR CONSPIRACIES

Rev. MSS. 40 : 156 (State Compt.)

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK by the Grace of God free and Independant To William Wills, Soverinas Cock, and James M^cMasters of the County of Tryon, John M Beekman Jeremiah V. Rensselaer, Isaac Fonda, Matthew Vischer Hugh Mitchel Cornelius Humfrey, John M^cClung and Peter Wynkoop of the County of Albany, Cornelius C Wynkoop, Cornelius C Schoonmaker, and Peter Cantine (Son of Matthew Cantine Esquire) of the County of Ulster, Israel Honeywell Jonathan G. Tomkins and Joseph Strang of the County of West Chester, Zephaniah Platt, Egbert Benson and Israel Thompson of the County of Dutchess, Henry Wisner, Thomas Moffat and Gilbert Cuyper, of the County of Orange, and Alexander Webster, Alexander M^cNitt, and Ebenezer Clark of the County of Charlotte Esquires Greeting, KNOW YE that pursuant to two certain Acts of the Legislature of our Said State the one entitled: "An Act to appoint Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies and declaring their powers," and the other entitled, "An Act for encreasing the Number of Commissioners for detecting and defeating Conspiracies within this State." WE HAVE appointed constituted and assigned, and by these presents do appoint constitute and assign you the said

1778 Apr. 4.

William Wills Soverinas Cock, James McMasters, John M Beekman, Jeremiah Van Rensselaer, Isaac Fonda, Matthew Vischer, Hugh Mitchell, Cornelius Humfrey, John McClung, Peter Wynkoop, Cornelius C Wynkoop Cornelius C Schoonmaker, Peter Cantine, Israel Honeywell, Jonathan G. Tomkins, Joseph Strang, Zephaniah Platt, Egbert Benson, Israel Thompson, Henry Wisner, Thomas Moffat, Gilbert Cuyper, Alexander Webster, Alexander McNitt and Ebenezer Clark Commissioners for enquiring into detecting and defeating all Conspiracies which may be formed in this State against the Liberties of America, with full power and Authority to you and any and every three of you to do and perform the several Acts Matters and Things in the said two several Acts mentioned, which by you or any three of you as Commissioners as aforesaid may be lawfully done and performed. In Testimony whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of our said State to be hereunto affixed. Witness our trusty and well beloved George Clinton Esquire Governor of our said State, General and Commander in Chief of all the Militia and Admiral of the Navy of the same the fourth Day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight.

Geo: Clinton

By His Excellency's Command,
Jn° Morin Scott Secretary

A true Copy, Examined by me,
Teunis Tappan Sec^y

Endorsed:

App^t of Commissioners of
Conspiracy 4^th April 1778.

OATHS[1]

I..... do solemnly swear and declare in the presence of Almighty God that I ought not and do not acknowledge any Allegiance to the King of Great Brittain, his Heirs or Successors or any power or Authority of the Parliament of the said Kingdom of Great Brittain, and that I will bear true faith and Allegiance to the State of New York as a free and Independant State, and that I will in all things to the best of my knowledge and Ability do my Duty as a good Subject of the said State ought to do, So help me God,

[*Signatures*]

Ebenezar Allen
Adam Vrooman
Daniel Chase
his
Jonathan X Chase
Mark
James X Lake
Daniel Mosher
Ishmel Reynolds
his
John X Van Hining
Mark
Charles Near
his
Nicholas X Boss
Mark
his
Jacob X Finehout
Mark
his
Peter X Finehout
Mark
Joseph Greenman
Benjamin Greenman ju[r]
Mindert Van Hoesan
Jeremije mullr
his
William X Bartel
Mark
his
Mathewis X Pool
Mark
his
Tobias X Salsbury
Mark
John Cobham[2]

[1] From the manuscript minutes, vol 1, pp. 240–243.

[2] These signatures were attached to the oath at various times in 1778 and 1779.

I ——— do hereby solemnly without any mental Reservation or Equivocation whatsoever swear and declare and call God to witness that I renounce and Adjure all Allegiance to the King of Great Britain and that I will bear true Faith and Allegiance to the State of New York as a free and Independant State, and that I will in all Things to the best of my Knowledge and Ability do my Duty as a good and faithful Subject of the said State ought to do — so help me God —

Sworn 12th Augt 1782 before me at Albany
Saml Stringer Justice.

Archd McNeil
[*Signatures*]

The above Oath administred by me to Abner Darling the 10th Day of October 1782.
John M: Beeckman Justice

Abner Darling
[*Signatures*]

I . . . . . do solemnly and without any mental Reservation or equivocation whatsoever Swear and call God to Witness that I beleive & acknowledge the State of New York to be of Right a free and Independent State and that no authority or power can of right be exercised in or over the said State but what is or shall be granted by or derived from the People thereof and further that as a good Subject of the said free and Independant State of New York I will to the best of my knowledge and Ability faithfully do my duty, and as I shall keep or disregard this Oath so help and deal with me Almighty God.

John Visger
Volckert Van Veghten
[*Signatures*]

Duncan MacDougall
Cornes Van Schelluyne
Rt Bleecker

[*Signatures*]

Rob[t] Clench
John Glen
Hendrick Frey
John Duncan
Barnet Stilwell
Peter W. Yates
Henry Ten Eyck
Gysbert Fonda
Corn[s] Glen
Daniel Campbell
James Ellice

I Leonard Gansevoort Jun[r] Clerk to the Commissioners of the County of Albany appointed for detecting & defeating all Conspiracies which may be formed in this State against the Liberties of America do most solemnly swear in the Presence of Almighty God, that I will keep secret all such Matters as shall be given me in Charge by the said Commissioners and that I shall remain under such Injunction till discharged therefrom by the said Commissioners —

Leon[d] Gansevoort Jun[r] [1]

CERTIFICATION OF TORIES.

New York Col. MSS. 101 : 149 (NYSL)

1778 Sept. 22.

To John Morin Scott Esq[r] Secretary of the State of New York —

We John M. Beekman, Mathew Visscher and Isaac D. Fonda Esq[rs] Commissioners appointed for enquiring into detecting and defeating all Conspiracies which may be formed in this State against the Liberties of America agreeable to the Directions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York entitled "an Act more effectually to prevent the

[1] The entire oath is in Gansevoort's handwriting, and was subscribed to by him on April 24, 1778. For facsimile see Vol. I, p. 292.

Mischiefs arising from the Influence and Example of Persons of equivocal and suspected Characters in this State" do hereby certify that in Pursuance of the said Act we have caused the following Persons to come before us viz.[t] David Van Schaack of the District of Kinderhook on the Thirtieth Day of August last, Nicholas Stevens of the Township of Schonectady on the Fifteenth Day of August last, Henry Van Schaack of the District of Kinderhook on the Seventeenth Day of August last, and Lambert Burghart of the District of Kinderhook on the twenty first Day of August last Alexander Campbell of the Township of Schonectady on the Seventh Day of September Instant and Martin Crom of Claverack District on the Fourteenth Day of September Instant and offered to administer to them respectively the Oath therein mentioned which the said David Van Schaack, Nicholas Stevens, Henry Van Schaack Lambert Burghart, Alexander Campbell and Martin Crom severally refused to take As Witness our Hands and seals this twenty second Day of September in the Year One thousand seven hundred and seventy eight

John M: Beeckman [Seal]
Mat: Visscher [Seal]
Isaac D Fonda [Seal][1]

New York Col. MSS. 102 : 30 (NYSL)

1783 Feb. 8.

List of the Names of Persons who have refused to take the Oath prescribed by a Law of this State to be taken by Persons of neutral and equivocal Characters and who have in Consequence thereof been removed within the Enemy's Lines or detained by his Excellency the Governor for Exchange.

Richard Cartwright	Richard Minifee
Peter Vosburgh	John Stevenson
Lowrence Goes	Absolom Woodworth

[1] The body of this document is in the handwriting of Leonard Gansevoort, Jr., and is signed by the Commissioners.

Harmen Pruyn	John Cumming
William Rea	Isaac Man
Barent Van Der Pool	John Kortz Junr
Andries Huyck	Alexander White
Benjamin Baker	ı ⁄ Dirck Gardinier
Henry Van Dyck	Mathew Goes Junr
James Dole	ı ⁄ John D. Goes
Marte Van Buren	John Van Alen
David Van Schaack	Henry Van Schaack
Nicholas Stevens	ı ⁄ Lambert Burghart
John Thurman	Alexander Campbell
Peter Van Schaack	ı ⁄ Martin Crom
	Andries Ten Eyck

Those marked (√) were to have been sent down with the Van Schaack's but secreted themselves and could not then be found and are now at their respective Homes — they with the Van Schaacks &c had been reserved for Exchange by the Governor.

Albany 8 Febr. 1783 — Stewart Dean, John M. Beeckman, Saml Stringer } Commissrs for Conspiracies[1]

Endorsed: Return of the Persons banished by by Commissrs at Albany

AN EXCHANGE.

May it please your Excellency.

Having been a Prisoner on Parole to the Commissioners of Conspiracy for these two years past, & confined to the Town of Schenectady, not being allowed to reside on my Farm, —

New York Col. MSS. 102 : 19 (NYSL)

1781 Mar. 30.

[1] The body of this document is in the handwriting of Leonard Gansevoort, Jr., and is signed by the Commissioners.

my Property not protected; — These, with other Reasons, induce me to wish for Permission to remove to Canada with my Family.— I have therefor[e] presumed to apply to your Excellency for Permission to be exchanged for some Citizen of this State now a Prisoner in Canada, and that I may be allowed to go under the Protection of the first public Flagg.— I will do myself the Honor to wait personally upon your Excellency at any Hour that may be convenient.— An Answer from your Excellency will much oblige,

Your most obedient
& very humble servt

His Excellency
Governor Clinton.

John Stuart.

Albany March 30th 1781

I hereby signify my Consent and Approbation to the Exchange of John Stuart agreable to his above Request. Given at Albany this 30th March 1781

Geo: Clinton

Addressed:
To
His Excellency
Governor Clinton
Albany

Endorsed:
John Stuart permitted to be exchanged by the Governor
March 30th 1781
filed in the Secretary's Office the 30th day of March 1781 —

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